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Technicality in bylaw could affect churches and clubs holding fairs

By LIZZY HILL
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — At the Select Board meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, the board members realized the potential implications of a word change in the town by-law from last year's annual Town Meeting. The issue came up as the board has begun to modify the process to approve fairs, bazaars, antique shows, and carnivals which previously fell under the Zoning Board of Appeals but was now under their purview.

Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia pointed out the board wanted to put the process in place

in time for the 4th of July Committee to complete the process and continue their plans.

In a memo to the board, Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman shared a few questions she had for the board regarding edits to the application, which she reiterated in person during the meeting. Inman asked the board if they desired to charge a fee, to send notifications to the affected abutters regarding the meeting date of when the applicant would come before the board, and to notify the *Town Crier* two weeks before the meeting.

The fee previously charged by the ZBA was

\$100. She also wondered whether they wanted the applicant's appointment to be an official public hearing.

Kevin Caira proposed adding the police department would need to approve the application, which Inman said she could add.

In response to the *Town Crier* piece, Lilia Maselli commented that the notification to the *Town Crier* would only reach those who get the paper, and no other board members disagreed. However, they did still want to notify the abutters of the meeting date. They also agreed to try to send the notification two weeks before the meeting.

While they originally thought that perhaps the appointment should be treated as a public hearing, Greg Bendel spoke up against this notion. Inman also pointed out the board already approves most of these types of events without a special hearing process.

Inman said they could add language describing desired setup and breakdown times, as suggested by Maselli.

A vote on the process was put on the agenda that night. Before they made any motion regarding the vote, Bendel proposed the board invite anyone present in the meeting to comment.

While the language

change was relatively simple, replacing the authority for approving fairs, bazaars, antique shows, and carnivals from the Zoning Board of Appeals with the Select Board, 4th of July Committee Chair Pat Giroux pointed out the by-law technically says the rule applies not only to uses of town-owned or town-operated land.

It applies to any building or premises owned or operated by a municipal or religious organization or club. He suggested that anyone intending to use church land or club land for these types of events would have to submit an application to the board.

Caira stated this could potentially affect a lot of groups and events by requiring these groups to seek approval when they never had to before.

Maselli asked if these groups had to go through the ZBA process under the previous by-law wording.

Giroux replied that it seemed to be a gray area. He suggested the by-law include a definition of fairs, bazaars, antique shows, and carnivals.

"You're asking nonprofit organizations to rebrand their event... or follow this process which now involves a fee," he said. "I do think it opens

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Select Board honors recently deceased Mike Kelley

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WILMINGTON — The Select Board began their meeting on Monday, Jan. 8 with a moment of silence for recently deceased longtime Wilmington resident and US Air Force veteran Michael Kelley.

Select Board member Frank West shared that Kelley was a minister at the Universal Life Church in California, a former commander of the American Legion, and Chaplain of the Wilmington Minutemen.

The Salute to Service also went out to Kelley. Greg Bendel shared that Kelley attended Wilmington High School, served in the US Air Force, served as a commander in the American Legion, and was a founding member of the Legion Riders.

Town Clerk Beth Lawrenson detailed various election updates with the board before she'd ask them to vote on the changes at their next meeting. The first thing she mentioned was a list of requested election worker permits, which

still needed revisions.

One change for this year would be additional in-person early voting at the counter of her office. Lawrenson explained this is an effort to improve and increase turnout in local elections. Being able to stop by the town clerk's office ahead of time could provide another convenience to residents trying to vote.

It could also be helpful for anyone who simply can't vote on election day. She said this would not require additional election workers, as her staff could run the voting.

The board would also be asked to approve the early voting schedule, which would include at least three hours each day that the town hall is open during the early voting days and six hours on the weekend. There was one Saturday, Feb. 24, where early voting would be available for eight hours.

The last piece she sought the board's approval on was the appointment of Police Chief Joe Desmond as the

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SNOW DAY!

A Wilmington DPW employee plows Church Street in front of the high school during the storm that buried Wilmington in the first snow storm of the winter season.

(JoeBrownPhotos.com)

Town Manager Screening Committee starts search

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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Town Manager Screening Committee met on Dec. 21, 2023 at town hall. All members were present, with Finance Committee member John Doherty and John Petrin of CPA attending remotely.

After approval of the minutes, chairperson Rob Peterson turned the meeting over to managing principal Bernard Lynch and senior associate Julie Jacobson of Community Paradigm Associates. CPA has been retained by Wilmington to conduct a search for Wilmington's next town manager.

Lynch updated the board on the process. Jacobson has met with the screening committee members and Select Board members director

and department heads. Through the town website, a community survey has been launched with over 200 responses recorded.

The survey closed Dec. 30, 2023 and CPA will compile the results and present the inputs to the committee. Lynch said the results will help to document town issues as they develop questions for the candidate interview process.

CPA has been drafting a position statement about the community to help the committee focus on attributes and issues the next town manager should have and be poised to address. Further, CPA uses the position statement as a marketing and recruiting tool for potential candidates once the position is advertised.

Lynch said his firm has already been "unofficially" talking to a number of

potential candidates and has been brainstorming whom they should be reaching out to. Lynch was seeking the committee's go ahead for use of the position statement document, with edits, so that after the holidays the candidate search could be optimized.

Jonathan Eaton was comfortable with the document as is, as was Bryan Perry. Mike Caira had some minor suggestions including proximity to interstate 95 in addition to 495 and 93. Caira also suggested that Wilmington is closer to the major cities of Boston and Cambridge vs. Lowell and Lawrence and Southern New Hampshire as listed in the report.

Caira suggested adding experience with large scale construction projects as an attribute of a new town manager. Caira asked for "numerous play-

grounds and ballfields" to be added to the report.

Paul Ruggiero added some minor wording edits, specifically around the wording of the schools as presented in the document.

Ray Lepore had no problem with the document. Lepore asked about the search for Reading's town manager, as Lynch indicated he thought some candidates for that position might also be able to be brought into Wilmington's process as candidates.

Mike Champoux applauded the economic development portion of the document but questioned where the Olin superfund site belonged in the narrative. The committee then discussed briefly the nature of Olin, its appearance in the Issues section of the document in addition to the Eco-

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Drama club performs Little Mermaid Jr.

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Middle School Drama Club is ringing in the New Year with a musical production of the Disney classic "The Little Mermaid Junior Edition."

This will be the first time the Wilmington Middle School Drama Club will perform on the large stage of the high school, which

will be more accommodating to this year's largest cast in the history of the WMS Drama Club.

This historic number of students includes 64 middle school student cast members, 24 middle school crew members, 14 Wilmington High School Team Assistants, and seven adult production members.

Actors for some of the lead roles include 3rd year club member Kaia Donn (grade 8) as Ariel, Mason Hazel-Fookes (grade 8) as Prince Eric, Shannon Basler (grade 8) as Sebastian, Eva Gerardi (grade 8) as Ursula, Liam Zollner (grade 8) as King Triton, Molly Bagtaz (grade 7) as Scuttle, Ryan Heos (grade 7) as Chef Louie, Laren

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Wilmington Library News:

Project Valentine with Jr. WOW on Saturday, Jan. 20

The library will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15 in observance of the holiday.

Adult Programs

Drop-in Tech Help

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

Watercolor Printmaking for Teens and Adults!

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m.
Teens, bring your adults & adults, bring your teens to this crafting program where we will make watercolor-style prints with inspirational quotes (of your choosing)!

Healthy Eating with Anna

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2:30 p.m.
Join Nutritionist and Cooking Instructor Anna Tourkakis for advice and guidelines for a healthy diet.

Novel Ideas

Thursday, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy reading fiction? Join the library's fiction book group led by Adult Services Librarian Erin Driscoll. Please stop by the library to pick up a copy of the featured book. January's featured book is Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

Needleworkers

Friday, Jan. 19, 10 a.m.
This is a social group for those who do any kind of needle craft. Bring your knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc. and enjoy a little conversation and camaraderie. Drop in.

VIRTUAL Poetry Circle

Saturday, Jan. 20, 9:15 a.m.
Do you enjoy writing poetry? Want input on your work? If so, this group is for you. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials in advance. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

Register for Project Valentine on Jan. 20! Join Jr. WOW in this fun program creating valentines cards for the community and help spread the love!

(Courtesy photo)



Candle Making Workshop

Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
Learn the ins and outs of candle making with Elsha of Bits of Joy Gifts.

Youth Programs

Preschool Storytime

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Preschool Storytimes! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Ages 3-6

Time for Twos

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Time for Twos! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Age 2

Family Craft Night: Glass Magnets

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m.
Turn an adorable drawing or design into a magnet! Make them for your fridge at home or to share with friends and family - maybe as Valentine's Day gifts! Ages 3+ and their caregivers

Baby Time

Thursday, Jan. 18, 10 a.m.
Join us for our indoor Baby Time! These sessions include books, rhymes, music and movement. Registration is now for each individual event, not the

full six-week session! Each event's registration will open 2 weeks in advance. Ages 0-23 months

Manga Tryouts

Thursday, Jan. 18, 3:30 p.m.
Have a say in manga purchased for the teen collection with this new club! During each meeting, we'll sample 1st volumes of different manga, and vote on whether it should be added to WML's collection. Grades 6-12

Deep Play for Kids Event

Friday, Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m.

Explore playful movement using stories, yoga, breath, mindfulness, music, and songs, fully experienced through the body! This modality helps children and adults release energy through play and aids in self-regulation. A fun way for families to connect with themselves and each other! Ages 3-5

Switch it Up! Video Game Club

Friday, Jan. 19, 3:45 p.m.
Love video games? Love Nintendo Switch? Come to this once-a-month video game club to play your

favorite Switch games with friends! Grades 1-5

Project Valentine with Jr. WOW

Saturday, Jan. 20, 1 p.m.
Join Jr. WOW for another fun program to create Valentines for Wilmington's Project Valentine! All Ages

Additional Information

Book Store Next Door — Winter Hours

The Book Store Next Door will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will be closed on Wednesdays in January and February. Shop discount books! Paperbacks for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Library and all proceeds help support library programs.

Museum Passes

The library has discounted passes to your favorite Massachusetts museums, attractions, and state parks. Find the full list on our website!

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

The library continues to offer a variety of virtual events. Please note that registration is required in order to receive the Zoom link. Go to wilmlibrary.org to register or call 978-658-2967.

News and notes from WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV.

NEW PROGRAMMING JUST FOR YOU!

Sean Collier Day — Jan 3, 2024

Members of the Wilmington community and town officials gathered at Rotary Park to remember Sean Collier, a Wilmington native and MIT officer who tragically lost his life in the line of duty during the aftermath of the Marathon Bombing in 2013. Each year, officials lay a

wreath at Sean's tree and say a few words on what is now known in town as "Sean Collier Day."

Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Lodge #2070 Organization Profile

Get a behind the scenes look at the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks organization. In this short profile, you'll hear the importance of the Elks organization to our community and the importance of community to the Elks with narration by current Exalted Ruler Darlene Lockhart.

*These programs can be viewed on WCTV channels or on WCTV's Youtube channel: WCTV Wilmington

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Questions about WCTV? Contact: info@wctv.org.

It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



IRS WARNS INDIVIDUALS TO STAY CLEAR OF SHADY TAX PREPARERS; offers tips on carefully choosing tax professionals

People should be careful of shady tax professionals and watch for common warning signs, including charging a fee based on the size of the refund. Some "ghost" tax preparers refuse to sign the tax return or ask people to sign a blank return. These are all common warning signs, and people should always rely on a trusted tax professional. The IRS offers a variety of resources to help.

"Most tax professionals offer excellent advice and can really help people navigate complex tax issues. But we continue to see instances where taxpayers are 'ghosted' by unscrupulous tax preparers with bad advice who quickly disappear," said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. "We encourage taxpayers to check out the tools and resources available to them to ensure they find the right tax professional for their needs."

Choose carefully: Check credentials of tax return preparers. You should choose a tax preparer as carefully as you choose a doctor or lawyer. After all, the tax preparer is entrusted with sensitive personal and financial information. While there are different types of tax preparers with varying levels of credentials and qualifications, there are constants when it comes to finding a preparer: A taxpayer's individual needs will determine which kind of preparer is best for them. Taxpayers are ultimately responsible for all the information on their income tax return, regardless of who prepares the return.

Tax professionals are required to have an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) to prepare federal tax returns. The IRS offers resources for taxpayers to educate themselves on types of preparers, representation rights, as well as a Directory of Federal Tax Return Preparers with Credentials and Select Qualifications. This directory can help taxpayers find a return preparer with specific qualifications to fit their needs.

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Wednesday, Jan. 17

Shawsheen Valley Technical School hosts Open House next week

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical School invites prospective students, alumni, community members, and interested individuals to its Open House on Jan. 17, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. This event offers a view into the school's academic, career, and vocational-technical programs.

During the Open House, attendees will have the chance to meet coaches and athletic teams, explore diverse extracurricular clubs and activities, and engage in hands-on experiences that showcase Shawsheen's vocational-technical offerings. Additionally, representatives will be present to provide information on various programs, such as the adult and continuing education program, Shawsheen's School of Practical Nursing, the 'Summer at Shawsheen' program, 7th grade Project Explore, and the aquatics and swim programs.

grams.

For those considering enrollment, admissions representatives will be available to answer questions about the application process and address administrative inquiries. The application deadline for the class of 2028 is Feb. 1, 2024 underscoring the importance for prospective students to take advantage of this opportunity.

In the event of inclement weather, the snow date for Shawsheen's Open House will be Jan. 18, 2024, from 6-8 p.m.

Visit Shawsheen Tech on January 17 to discover the educational pathways available through career and technical education, and to experience firsthand, the Ram community.

About Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District

Established in 1965, Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (SVRVTS) stands as a beacon of educational excellence, placing students at the center of its mission. Proudly serving the communities of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington, Shawsheen caters to the diverse needs of over 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education, Shawsheen seamlessly integrates academics with a dynamic range of over 20 vocational-technical career pathways. Located in Billerica, Massachusetts, Shawsheen's expansive 100-acre campus hosts an exceptional school building adorned with high-end and industry relevant equipment, athletic fields, twenty-four varsity sports, and a plethora of extra-curricular clubs and activities.

With a passionate faculty and staff, Shawsheen remains committed to its mission: "to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world."

Beyond its traditional academic offerings, Shawsheen Valley Technical School extends its educational reach through Adult Education, Afterschool Enrichment Programs, Community-focused Events, and Summer Programs. The district continually strives to expand its rich and diverse programming, embracing the belief that education is a lifelong, continuous process with numerous paths leading to a successful and fulfilling life.

Lifestyle

Explore the Tom Paul Trail in Westford

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Eager to get outside in the relatively mild winter weather, we found a new trail to try in nearby Westford. Actually, the trail is not new at all, having been developed and maintained since the late 1980s and now stewarded by the Westford Conservation Trust.

The C. Thomas Paul Trail, named for a former Westford resident and past president of the Westford Conservation Trust, is approximately 2.5 miles one way.

We chose to park at Westford town hall and cross Main Street to start the trail. A narrow opening between posts is visible along with an interpretive sign that provides more information about the trail. Yellow blazes and frequent wayfinding signs make it clear to see where the trail goes. There are several side trail options but our goal was to get from the town hall to the

Stone Arch bridge. The trail is narrow in places as it runs along and between some homes near the center of town. However, the trail is well worn and clearly used, so don't be put off by walking along someone's yard. In several places, the trail goes right along residential backyards, but the lack of barriers or fences shows that there is an accepted coexistence with the trail.

The heavy leaf cover, rocks, and sticks make it a good candidate trail for walking poles if you have them. Hiking shoes would be advised on this trail as there was mud in spots and there are more steepish uphill and downhill portions of the trail than expected.

While the trail for the most part is never really very far from homes or roads, there was a strong sense of being deep in the woods at certain points, and we made sure to have a trail map with us.

We walked along and passed through a signifi-

cant number of stone walls along the trail. According to the Westford Conservation Trust, a portion of the trail meanders along a road from 1730.

While walking we were excited to see multiple deer resting in the forest. They looked at us, did not startle, and seemed to just be enjoying the afternoon in the woods. The forest was fairly quiet otherwise, with some birds and a few squirrels here and there.

As we walked down the cul-de-sac of Evergreen Circle, we crossed Pine Ridge Road into the Spalding Town Forest before reaching the trail head for the Stone Arch Bridge. The bridge, off of Cold Spring Road, was built in 1872 of granite blocks and no mortar. The bridge supported a standard gauge rail line from Nashua, New Hampshire to Acton, Massachusetts as the Nashua, Acton, and Boston Railroad which ran under various ownership until the early 1920s.

On the way to the bridge is a side trail for the Rus-



The Tom Paul trail in Westford is a 2.5 mile trek each way through woodlands and uplands. Some parts of the trail run right along backyards, and other parts are deep in the woods.
(Paige Impink photo)

sell Bird Sanctuary which we explored. As we looked out from the point, numerous ducks, a pair of swans, and Canada geese were all enjoying the high water levels in the marsh.

The trail took us over two hours round trip. The recommendation would be

to leave plenty of time to return in the daylight if hiking in the winter months. Binoculars are recommended to enjoy birdwatching along the trail and at the bird sanctuary. An abbreviated walk could be had by just parking at Stone Arch

Bridge and walking out that trail and back, circling the hilly loop trail peninsula, and back to the parking area.

For trail maps and more information, visit the Westford Conservation Trust website at westfordconservationtrust.org.

OBITUARY

Patrick 'Patsy' Mazzone
Started and managed a cleaning business

Patrick Mazzone, affectionately known as "Papa" by most, aged 83, resided in Tewksbury for 47 years before relocating to Methuen. He brought his family from East Boston to Tewksbury, where he forged a lifetime of cherished memories.

He was a member of St. Dorothy's Church in Wilmington and was often seen there with his late wife, Gigi.

He peacefully passed away surrounded by family and friends at Haverhill's Highpoint Hospice House on Jan. 4, 2024.

Patrick was predeceased by his devoted wife of 57 years, Cecelia "Gigi" Mazzone, and will be joyously reunited with her in Heaven.

Born in East Boston on March 13, 1940, he would have celebrated his 84th birthday this year. He was the son of the late Anthony Mazzone and the late Josephine Mazzone.

Patrick grew up in East Boston, attended Boston Public Schools, and began



Thoroughbred horse racing. He also was part owner of a thoroughbred horse. It was a hobby that brought him joy and added an element of excitement to his life.

Papa also relished traveling with his wife, family, and friends, always embracing life with dance and joy.

Following his wife's passing, he continued his travels, particularly savoring the annual trip to Las Vegas during the Super Bowl with his sons Mark and Jeff, among others. There, he delighted in the casinos, delicious meals, dancing, and having fun.

Last summer, he had the pleasure of visiting Salisbury Beach with his daughter Tricia, enjoying his final swim, visiting the Brook in Seabrook, playing cards, and being surrounded by family and friends.

Above all, he treasured attending his grandchildren's activities and sporting events, where he cultivated many friendships.

working at a young age. He started by shining shoes at Logan Airport and later worked as a Ramp agent for Eastern Airlines and Northwest Airlines.

In addition to working for the airlines, he held other jobs to provide for his family, instilling the values of hard work. He retired from the airlines in 2000 and subsequently started a cleaning business, which he managed until his passing, with assistance from his sons and grandchildren.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Pat had a fondness for the excitement of

appreciation to Haverhill's High Point House. The exceptional care and attention from the nurses, doctors, and staff were invaluable in ensuring our dad received exceptional care.

To honor his memory and the incredible work of the facility, we kindly request that, instead of flowers, donations be made to support their ongoing commitment to providing solace and care to those in need.

Friends and family were invited to his calling hours

on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 from 5 until 8 p.m. at the Tewksbury Funeral Home, 1 Dewey St., Tewksbury, MA 01876, 978-851-2061.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 his funeral began at the Tewksbury Funeral Home at 8:45 a.m. His funeral Mass was offered at 10 a.m. at Saint Dorothy's Church, located at 11 Harnden Street, Wilmington. Burial in the Tewksbury Cemetery.

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Letters to the editor

Charles River Laboratories: what are they really hiding

To the editor,
Charles River Laboratories, do you really wanna know what happens in these places? Do you know these places exist?

Well, I'm here to tell you they do and they are in your backyard. These facilities think it is the 1930s, they do not understand it is 2024 and animal testing is outdated and horrific. All they are getting from these dogs and other animals is nothing but money and paperwork.

These companies do not care about these dogs, eat other animals because they show it. The abuse is all over the internet and they have been investigated countless times and still they are not shut down.

The USDA has continued to fail those dogs and other animals in that location which is in Wilmington. That location is the headquarters; they have other locations in Scotland, Ireland, the United Kingdom and other places that buy beagles from a breeder named Marshall Bioresources or MBR Acres. They are one in the same.

These companies continue to get away with legit cruelty because no one in

power is doing their jobs and doing what is right by these dogs. They only seem to care about money which is why these places will never get shut down until we the public bring more attention to them.

So I ask you dear reader do you know your taxpayer funded money goes to these experiments? Do you want this horrible facility in your backyard? Well, if not, make those calls to your senators and let's get them shut down because what happens to these dogs is nothing short of criminal activity and it has to stop and the people hurting them need to be held accountable.

Below are some links that everyone needs to see.

@thecampbeagle
@beaglefreedomprojectuk
@beaglefreedomproject
@directactioneverywhere

They are the ones trying to shut these places down but they need more help. It is a new year and we must continue to make change for the better because the world is a hard place to live. Let's do some good in it. We will not be silenced.

Rachel Kepnes

The unspoken truth about human trafficking in our own communities

To the editor,
Today (Jan. 11) on Human Trafficking Awareness Day, let's pull back the curtain on the reality of trafficking. Human trafficking isn't always the high-profile, international controversy that film and media lead us to believe. In reality, it's so devastatingly subtle that it can go undetected anywhere, even in our communities here in the Merrimack Valley.

Community members can support survivors of human trafficking by recognizing the reality of these situations and advocating for solutions that would allow survivors to escape and rebuild their lives. As a former legal services attorney and now as a legislator, I will continue to fight for bills that support survivors and hold abusers accountable.

This November, the Boston Globe exposed a high-profile brothel system based out of Massachusetts, in which they bring trafficked women between Boston and D.C. to cater to hundreds of wealthy clients. These scandalous stories are the ones that make headlines, but in most cases, victims aren't kidnapped or geographically relocated.

More often, trafficking

occurs at the local level, where smaller rings don't make the news, and survivors face abuse right in front of our eyes — at the grocery store, in the school pick-up line, or at college with our kids. At this level, trafficking is often a more insidious form of abuse, and women and girls of color are at the greatest risk.

These survivors are often isolated and financially insecure, leaving them vulnerable to being manipulated and coerced into a cycle of abuse and exploitation.

Our current laws make it next to impossible to hold traffickers or their clients accountable for their abusive acts. The consequences — criminal, emotional, mental, and financial — fall almost exclusively on the survivors, who are prosecuted at nearly twice the rate of their clientele.

As survivors attempt to rebuild their lives, their already difficult re-entrance into society is made exponentially more difficult by the consequences of a criminal record, including barriers to employment and housing. Survivors with criminal records related to their trafficking may also lose custody of their chil-

Rep. Seth Moulton

State Building Trades Unions highlight \$5B in infrastructure funding

TOPSFIELD — Congressman Seth Moulton joined North Shore municipal leaders and Massachusetts Building Trades Unions on Dec. 11 to discuss the historic labor standards used to determine eligibility for federal infrastructure funding, grants and clean energy upgrades.

"Organized labor didn't just build the middle class, they built many of our roads, bridges, railways, and airports decades and decades ago. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act now afford us a once-in-a-generation opportunity not just to rebuild our infrastructure where it's crumbling, but to build new and more sustainable systems that will take us into the future.

The labor unions will be critical to this effort. Their success is Massachusetts' success," said Congressman Moulton.

"We had an extremely productive session in Topsfield with stakeholders from across the 6th District. I'm grateful for the partnership of the MBTU, and I hope that everyone who attended left the workshop with new ideas and knowledge of how to best access federal funds for projects that will bring more economic growth to the North Shore," Congressman Moulton continued.

When President Biden signed the Infrastructure Jobs and Investment Act in 2021, it was hailed as a once-in-a-lifetime investment in our nation's infrastructure and com-

petitiveness. The bipartisan deal pledged to rebuild America's roads, bridges, and rail, but the bill goes even further. It expands access to clean drinking water, ensures every American has access to high-speed internet, tackles the climate crisis, advances environmental justice, and invests in communities that have too often been left behind.

"Elected officials at the municipal level need to ensure that infrastructure projects undertaken with funding from this legislation are properly awarded to contractors employing skilled, trained, union workers. This is the crucial step to guarantee the legislation's goals of rebuilding America's crumbling infrastruc-

ture and revitalizing local economies fairly and equitably," said Frank Callahan, President of Massachusetts Building Trades Unions.

There are numerous criteria for how the federal government determines grant recipients and awards energy savings. Within these pieces of legislation, there are significant incentives tied to creation of good jobs through projects with commitments to strong labor standards and practices. Registered apprenticeships, joint labor-management training programs, certified payroll and the support of local labor organizations can help secure federal infrastructure funding for projects, while creating good jobs in our communities.

Upcoming local events

Jan. 13, Book Donation Drive, Friends of the Tewksbury Library, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. No textbooks, encyclopedias or dictionaries

Jan. 15, 7 p.m., Open rehearsals for Ipswich River Community Chorus, Union Congregational Church 148 Haverhill St. North Reading. No auditions are necessary. Adults and experienced teens welcome. Eager to include male voices. Our spring concert will be presented on April 27 and 28, 2024 performing songs from the Beatles, Joni Mitchell and "Rent" among others. IpswichRiverCommunityChorus.org or Facebook.com/IpswichRiverChorus or at Ips

wichRiverCommunityChorus@gmail.com.

Jan. 25, Winter Indoor Community Market, Tewksbury Senior Center, 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy this indoor version of the outdoor summer community market. Food trucks.

Feb. 9, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks Music Bingo, 777 South Street, Tewksbury, \$25 pp, Doors open at 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Bingo starts.

Feb. 9, Steve Bjork & Tony V, Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy/Wilmington Band Parents Annual Comedy Night, Moose Hall, North Reading, \$20pp, cash bar, BYO snacks, doors open

7:30 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m. Contact Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

Feb. 25, Alternative House Love Should Be Sweet Fundraiser, Longmeadow Country Club, \$40 pp, 12 - 2:30 p.m. All proceeds to benefit survivors of domestic violence.

Thursdays and Saturdays, Public Health Museum, 365 East St., Open for tours and shopping. Check website for tour times. Publichealthmuseum.org

Book Store Next Door, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Store is staffed by volunteers from the Friends of the Wilming-

ton Public Library. All proceeds help support library programs. Next to Wilmington Public Library.

Sundays, Lowell Streetcar Museum, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Adults \$3, seniors and youth age 3-12 \$2, children under 3 are free. Cash only. 25 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Wilmington Town Museum, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem St. (Route 62), Wilmington

Middlesex Canal Museum, 1 Faulkner St., North Billerica, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. middlesexcanal.org

Thank you all for the memories and love

To the editor,
As I am retiring from my Wilmington Public Schools Food Service position at Shawsheen Elementary School after 26 years, I want to thank Superintendent Glenn Brand for the beautiful write up in the district newsletter about the love that was

given to me at the surprise rally in the gym.

To principal Lisa King and assistant principal Mr. Welch, all the staff, students, my director Mary Palen, managers from the other schools, my coworkers a/k/a my Shawsheen Sistahs, thank you all for the beautiful

emails, kind wishes, gifts, the binder of letters and drawings from the students, the blanket, flowers, balloons, cake, and overall support.

Michelle Orso and Kathy Godfrey, I appreciate the time you gave to answer my many questions, as this wasn't an easy deci-

sion to make. I have been truly blessed and grateful for having all of you in my life for all of these years.

There aren't enough words to express my gratitude. I will miss all of you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Deb Stygles

dren, be disqualified from receiving government benefits, and some may even face deportation from the country.

These injustices leave survivors with little choice but to engage in criminal behavior as a means of survival, perpetuating the cycle of abuse.

The Commonwealth also severely lacks a means of collecting accurate data about human trafficking in Massachusetts. We can only begin to piece together the extent of this crisis by gathering data from local law enforcement, service providers, and survivors themselves. Since we rely on sources based on self-reported data gathered from crisis hotlines where callers may be hesitant to report due to fear and stigma, it is easy to underestimate the extent and frequency of trafficking.

However, the limited data collection that we do have is enough to paint a picture of a growing urgency that requires the attention of our leaders and our communities alike.

We can and must address this crisis through legislative change. One bill, H.1701/S.1002, An Act supporting survivors of trafficking, which I filed with Rep. Christine Barber and Senator Adam Gomez, would grant survivors the opportunity to expunge or seal their records without a waiting

period so they can begin the next chapter of their lives without being haunted by a criminal record.

Additionally, the Sex Trade Survivors Act (H.1597/S.983) would decriminalize survivors while maintaining criminal accountability for the trafficker and clientele. This bill would also create better pathways for survivors of human trafficking to rebuild their lives by providing them with the programming, resources, and support to sever ties with their traffickers and allowing for the expungement of their criminal records.

It can be difficult for trafficking survivors to come to terms with their experiences. As their neighbors, community members, and legislators, we must support them by ensuring that we have laws in place to support them when they are ready to reclaim their futures.

As the people of the Commonwealth, we need to send a clear message: no one has the right to buy and sell human bodies, no one deserves unfettered sexual access to anyone, and no one should bear the criminal consequences of their abuser's actions.

Rep. Tram Nguyen

Jan. 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Congress desig-

nated this day in January, which is Human Trafficking Awareness Month, to recognize the impact human trafficking has on communities and to shine a light on the trafficking happening daily across our country.

Tram T. Nguyen is a Massachusetts State Representative, currently serving in her third 2-year term. She is a first-generation Vietnamese-American

immigrant, the first person in her family to graduate from college and law school, and the first Vietnamese-American woman elected into public office in the Commonwealth.

Rep. Nguyen is the highest-ranking Asian American woman in the Legislature and champions legislation that addresses gender, racial, social, criminal, economic, and environmental justice.

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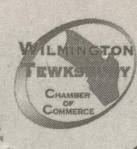
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OBITUARIES

Myrtle Irene (LeGrow) Bradbury Opened Myrtle's Thrift Shop in Wakefield

Myrtle Irene (LeGrow) Bradbury, age 99, a long-time resident of Wilmington passed away peacefully on Jan. 3, 2024 surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1924 in Chelsea. She was the loving daughter of the late John W. and Dorcas (King) LeGrow. Myrtle was a graduate of Revere high School class of 1942. Upon graduating high school, she worked for the A & P grocery chain as a secretary for several years.

Myrtle met her husband Edward on a commuter bus to Boston. They were married at Mount Bellingham church in Chelsea on June 3, 1950. They lived in Malden before settling in Wilmington where they raised four sons and one daughter.

Myrtle was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Her first priority was that of her family. She took great pride in all of her children. She loved to bake, including her bread which was enjoyed by both family and friends.

Myrtle volunteered at the community thrift store of the Unitarian church. This experience inspired her to open Myrtle's Thrift Shoppe in Wakefield. Myrtle and Edward loved to attend auctions, flea markets, antique shops, and yard sales and made many friends in their adventures.

They especially loved to visit extended family in Newfoundland.

Myrtle was the beloved wife of Edward G. Bradbury, Sr. and devoted mother of Edward G. Bradbury Jr. and his wife Jannell of Merrimac, Carol Bradbury and her longtime companion Leo Iacopucci of Bradford, Earl Bradbury of Acton, Paul Bradbury of Wilmington, and David Bradbury and his wife Gayle of North Andover.

Loving "Nana" to her 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was the dear sister of the late Florrie Ryan and her husband James, Sybil Roberts and her husband Arthur, and Melvin LeGrow



and his wife Helen.

Myrtle's funeral services will be private.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Carafa Family Funeral Home in Chelsea.

We encourage family and friends to offer condolences by means of the online guest book or to send a personalized sympathy card.

To send a flower arrangement or to plant trees in memory of Myrtle Irene (LeGrow) Bradbury, please click visit our Sympathy Store.

Carolyn Z. Farnsworth Teacher in Seattle and New Jersey

With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Carolyn Z. Farnsworth, aged 92, on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023. Carolyn departed peacefully at Sunrise Assisted Living in Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

Born in Lowell to the late B. Edward and Ruth (Collier) Zinn, she was raised in Winchester. Carolyn graduated from Winchester High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Simmons University in Boston.

Her journey took her to Seattle, Washington where she taught English, and then to Berkeley Heights, New Jersey. She moved to Scotch Plains and was a resident there for over five decades.

Carolyn further dedicated her life to education teaching Home Economics at Columbia Middle School in Berkeley Heights, where she was employed for more than 30 years until her retirement.

Carolyn's devotion to her community was evident through her active membership at Diamond Hill Methodist Church in Berkeley Heights, and later at New Providence United Methodist Church.

A woman of diverse interests and talents, Carolyn

found joy in arts and crafts, gardening, and spending time with family & friends. She always had an 'open door' policy at her home and welcomed everyone.

Her passions included sailing (a pursuit that allowed her to embrace her love for the water) and cherished the opportunities to explore the world through travel. These travels took her to amazing places including most of the US, Africa, China, the Amazon, Jerusalem, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Mexico, Central America, islands in French Polynesia & the Caribbean, as well as several other countries (including Italy, Germany, Greece, to name just a few).

Carolyn's legacy is cherished and continued by her family. She was predeceased by her son, Mark Farnsworth (2014), and her sister, Marge MacDonald (2023).

Carolyn and Marge were joined by their sister Janet Stangroom, who passed away on Nov. 27, 2023.

Her memory is lovingly honored by her children: Joyce Cornelia and husband Scott, David and wife Denise, and Donald and wife Vickie; her grandchildren: Jessica Kruss (Paul), Nick Farnsworth (Nicole), Brandon



Farnsworth, and Austin Farnsworth; her great-grandchildren: Aiden, Elliott, and Blair.

Carolyn is further survived by her nieces, nephews, and friends.

Carolyn's family will be receiving people for Visitation on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington. A memorial gathering will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Carolyn's memory to your favorite charity.

To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit our website at www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Patricia M. (Imbriano) Buonopane Opened United Travel

Patricia M. (Imbriano) Buonopane, age 77, of Wilmington, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Jan. 5, 2024.

Patricia was the beloved wife of the late Paul Buonopane, mother of Michael and Theresa Buonopane of North Andover, and Paul and Laura Buonopane of Andover.

She was Nana to Thomas, Sophie, Tyler, Chloe, Fallon, Lucy, and Grace.

Devoted daughter of the late Ralph Imbriano and Helen (Vigliotta) Imbriano.

Sister of the late Ralph Imbriano (Jr) of Reading, and his wife, Nancy (Hall) Imbriano.

Loving aunt to many nieces and nephews, and a friend to all who knew her.

Patricia grew up in East Boston, on Trenton Street, and was blessed to have her forever best friend, Sandra, next door. The two grew up close enough to pass a sugar bowl through open windows.

Patricia was blessed with many lifelong friends who became like family to the Buonopanes. All who knew her, know her by her kind, loving, and generous heart.

At the young age of 13, she met the love of her life, Paul, at a church CYO dance. Their love and devotion for each other has been an example for their children, grandchildren and all who knew them. They were married in 1967 and had two sons, Paul and Michael — the apples of their eyes.

Patricia worked in her younger years as manager of American Travel in Wilmington. When the business abruptly closed one Monday morning, Pat picked up the reigns and in one day opened her own entrepreneurial endeavor which became known as United Travel.

Overnight she embraced her role of business owner, and it became a source of great pride and accomplishment for her. Many happy memories were made on her United Travel bus trips to NYC to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

Patti embodied the meaning of family. Whether it was spending time with and caring for her parents, hosting Sunday dinners, holidays, parties, or traveling, it was always her greatest joy to do it with her family.

Once she became a nana, she said it brought on a whole new level of love. She adored her grandchildren and loved creating memories with them, like nana and papa's own annual Halloween Party, complete with bobbing for apples, and mummy wrap games.

She was the kind of nana who got a hotel room in Boston in the middle of February because "the kids love to swim, and it has a pool."

She would often call her daughters-in-law up to tell them she made soup for dinner and if they wanted to, they could stop by on their way home to pick



some up. She was thoughtful and generous beyond measure.

Whatever challenges life threw at her, Pat never failed to live it to the fullest and make memories every day with those she loved. As she used to say, "Life is not a dress rehearsal."

Pat will be sadly missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Family and friends gathered for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Tuesday, Jan. 9 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Dorothy's Church, Main St., (Rt. 38), Wilmington at 11:30 a.m. Interment followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Memorial donations in Patricia's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

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Michael J. 'Mike' Kelley Served in the US Air Force

Michael J. "Mike" Kelley, age 71, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Jan. 3, 2024.

Mike was born on Dec. 10, 1952, in Chelsea; he was the cherished son of the late Charles and Therese R. (Greenlaw) Kelley. Mike was one of six boys who were raised in Wilmington and attended Wilmington High School.

Following high school, Mike enlisted in the United States Air Force on April 29, 1971. He proudly served his country for almost two years before being honorably discharged on Feb. 1, 1973.

Mike was very patriotic and continued his support of the military by joining the Wilmington Minutemen. Mike served as the chaplain for many years and his dedication to the Minutemen earned him the captain position. Mike was very proud of his fellow Minutemen and attended many gatherings and functions to show his pride.

Mike served as a Commander in the American Legion and was a founding member of the Legion Riders. This group was formed to support veterans; they organized many motorcycle

rides for charity or to honor a veteran.

Mike served as a Pastor at the Universal Life Church in California. He genuinely cared about others and would go above and beyond to help his fellow parishioners.

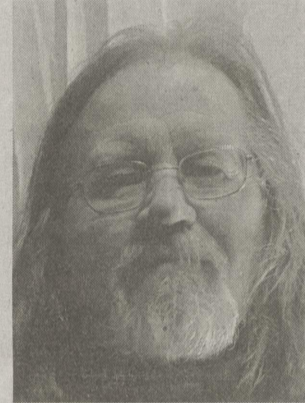
Mike worked as a security guard at the Billerica Mall for many years before his retirement.

10 years ago, Mike married Mary E. (Huse) Kelley; the couple lived in Wilmington where they made many wonderful memories with their family and friends.

Mike will be remembered as the life of the party; he went out of his way to make others smile, whether it was a silly song or dance, Mike just wanted everyone to have fun.

He often put on puppet shows for the kids as "Cowboy Mike" and would dress up as "C. C. Clownsbee," his version of a clown, just to entertain his family and friends. He will truly be missed by his family and friends.

Mike was the beloved husband of Mary E. (Huse) Kelley, loving father of Becca Rakebrandt of Ronda West, FL and the late Angela Zink, dear brother of Robert Kelley and his wife Nancy of Sandown, NH, John Kelley and his wife An-



drea of Grafton, NH, Timothy Kelley of Wilmington, the late Charles Kelley, and the late Daniel Kelley.

Mike is also survived by many loving grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Friday, Jan. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home on Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Veterans Section of Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Mike's name may be made to the Wilmington Minutemen, 430 Salem St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Flora L. (Marshall) Churchill Spent many years traveling the country

Flora L. (Marshall) Churchill, age 95, a long-time resident of Wilmington, passed away on Jan. 6, 2024.

Flora was born on Sept. 15, 1928, in Everett and brought up in Malden with her two sisters and brother.

Flora met her beloved husband, Donald, through mutual friends. After they were married, Flora and Donald lived in Everett for a few years before settling in Wilmington, where they built a beautiful home and raised two boys.

Their love for one another was like one seen in fairytales, spanning for 70 years. Flora and Donald always loved to tease and joke around with one another in the most loving way, and it would make you smile when you heard it.

They spent many years traveling the US and saw most of the 50 states. Don was the driver and "Floey," as he called her, was the GPS, before such a thing as computers. She was the human GPS and would know most of the major highways down the east coast without needing a map.

Besides being a devout mother, Flora worked at Macys for 26 years in sales.

She was an avid Red Sox fan and had to have her printed game schedule next her at all times.

She was devoted to her faith and a very active member of the Wilmington United Methodist Church. She was heavily involved with the woman's circle at the church.

Flora cherished her family and friends; she was truly the "Matriarch" of the Churchill family. Nothing made her happier than making someone's favorite food or finding the perfect card. If you asked, she would never give out the exact recipe. She would say, "Oh some of this and a little bit of that." You never knew.

She had a way of making everyone feel so special around holidays and birthdays. Her favorite holiday was Christmas and she always looked forward to getting the family together and truly made it magical for the whole family.

Flora was the beloved wife of Donald B. Churchill of 70 years, devoted mother of Donald B. Churchill, Jr. and his wife Gayle of Alton Bay, NH, and David W. Churchill of Windham, NH, loving "Grandma" of Matthew Churchill & partner Maddie Dalgliesh, Kelsey Churchill, Jonathan Churchill and his wife Ioana, Amy Webb and her husband John, and Jeffrey Churchill and his wife Meagan, "Great-Grandma" of Nolan and Scarlett, cher-



ished daughter of the late Hayward and Florence (Evelyn) Marshall, dear sister of the late Jeanne Clarke, the late Elva Hopkins and her late husband Eldred, and the late Ralph Marshall.

Flora is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visitation at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, Jan. 13 from 12 - 2 p.m. immediately followed by a Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington.

Memorial donations in Flora's name may be made to the Wilmington United Methodist Church, 87 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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Laura J. (Stanley) Paquette Celebration of life to be held at later date

Laura J. (Stanley) Paquette, age 64, of Bonita Springs, FL (formerly of Wilmington & Melrose) passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2023.

Laura was the beloved wife of Scott Paquette of Bonita Springs, FL (formerly of Wilmington & Billerica), devoted mother of Matthew Brander and his wife Valerie of Coventry RI, Ryan Brander and his companion Emily Chapin of Dover, NH, loving "Grammy" of Ella, Finley and Tucker Brander, cherished

daughter of the late John (Jack) and Rita Stanley of Melrose, dear sister of Patricia Elsea and her husband Jim of Billerica, Elaine Stanley of Melrose, Jane McGrath and her husband Chris of San Diego, CA, the late Diane Emery and her husband Chip of Raleigh, NC/Melrose, Andrew Stanley and his husband Richard Whale of London, UK and Brian Stanley and his wife Yong of Las Vegas, NV.

Family and friends will gather for a celebration of



Laura's life at a future date.

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OBITUARY

Anne Linehan Active with the Red Cross for many years

Anne Linehan (nee Willie Anne Durr), 91, died peacefully at home on Jan. 4, 2024, with her husband of 60 years, Jeffrey, by her side.

Born May 13, 1932, in Beaumont, Texas, she was the daughter of Evelyn Durr (nee Canant) and Edward Durr. Linehan had a single sibling, her beloved brother Vernon Durr, who was known as "Jack." Her mother died in the 1940's; her father in the 1970's; and her brother, Jack, in 1966.

Linehan attended Beaumont (TX) High School, Southwest Business School in Texas, and later in adulthood, took classes at Middlesex Community College.

She was a lifelong student, completing classwork in mindfulness meditation, religious education, and the Civil Rights movement.

When she married, Linehan was the publisher of "Holiday by the Sea," a popular tourist guide to the Long Beach, California attractions. She also worked as a secretary and done some commercial modeling.

Active with the American Red Cross for many years, Linehan focused primarily on disaster relief services with the agency. She served with the Red Cross during the 1968 riots that followed the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and later in numerous weather-related emergencies in New England.

An avid social activist, she marched with Dr. King during multiple actions, including a large Civil Rights protest in Chicago. In later years, Linehan continued her commitment to the Civil Rights movement and became active in the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign championed by then First Lady Nancy Reagan.

In Wilmington, Linehan was active in advocating for "walkability" projects, specifically the addition of sidewalks to public streets, and in environmental concerns, specifically the clean up of Lubber's Brook in North Wilmington, a tributary to the Ipswich River.

She was a parishioner at St. Thomas of Villanova, where she attended Mass with her husband and volunteered as a religious education instructor. Linehan enjoyed democracy with all its foibles and was an active participant at Town Meetings from the early 1970's until her illness prevented her from voicing her opinions.

She is survived by her husband, Jeffrey Linehan of Wilmington. They married in Avalon on Catalina Island (CA) on Jan. 17,

1964. Mr. Linehan was then serving on active duty in the United States Navy out of Long Beach, California.

A military wife for many years, Linehan made homes for her family in Long Beach, California; Newport, Rhode Island, where two of her children were born in the then-existing U.S. Naval Hospital, and Forest Park, Illinois.

She sought to instill a belief in service to others in everyone she encountered.

Linehan is the mother of Evelyn DeWitt of DeSoto, Texas; Jeffrey (Kristen) of Van Nuys, California; Mary Linehan of Linwood, New Jersey; and Joseph (Irene) of Celebration, Florida.

One of her children served on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard.

She is the grandmother of Celeste, Bailey Julia, Ellen Hester, Harold, Jeremiah, Joshua, and Eliza.

Two of her grandchildren serve on active duty in the U.S. Army.

A wake will be held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 10, 2024. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at St. Thomas of Villanova, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington.

En lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Mrs. Linehan's honor to the American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839.

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Winter weather advisory: Check CO alarms and keep vents clear of snow

STOW — With the season's first significant snow here in parts of Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents to test their carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and keep dryer, furnace, and other exhaust vents clear of snow.

"Carbon monoxide is a leading cause of fatal poisoning, and home heating equipment is the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "As part of your storm planning, check your CO alarms to be sure they're working properly, and if an alarm is past the manufacturer's recommended lifespan, replace it."

Residents should also be sure to keep outside vents

clear of falling, drifting, or shoveled snow. In January 2005, 7-year-old Nicole Garofalo died when a heating vent was blocked by snow drifts outside, allowing carbon monoxide to accumulate inside her Plymouth home. This tragedy led to Nicole's Law, which requires CO alarms on every habitable level of a Massachusetts residence.

"Fuel-fired heating appliances like dryers, furnaces, boilers, and fireplaces are all sources of carbon monoxide," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "If the vent or flue is blocked, this poisonous gas can reach deadly levels inside the home. Know where the vents on your home are, be sure to clear them when shoveling, and be careful not to blow snow onto them if using a snowblower."

Massachusetts fire departments detected nearly CO at nearly 5,000 incidents in 2022, officials said, and 90% of these calls were at residential settings. The poison gas can cause headache, fatigue, dizziness, and/or nausea at lower concentrations and death at higher concentrations. Exposure while asleep is particularly dangerous. Children, older adults, and people with lung or heart disease are especially vulnerable.


"We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, but we can detect it with working CO alarms," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "If your alarm sounds, get outside and call 9-1-1."

For more information on carbon monoxide and CO alarms, visit the DFS website.

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**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
SELECT BOARD**

**TOWN MEETING
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Notice is hereby given that Articles submitted by petition for inclusion in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held May 4, 2024, must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office, Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 2, 2024.

Gary B. DePalma, Chair
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**TOWN OF WILMINGTON
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A Public Hearing has been scheduled before the Select Board in Room 9 of the Town Hall on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of Tectron Systems to increase the storage of flammable and combustible materials by 187 gallons of diesel, such material to be stored at the facility at 700 Main Street, Wilmington, (Map 48, Parcel 73A).

Gary B. DePalma, Chair
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**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS**


Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **January 25, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Mark Ingersoll on behalf of Diana D'Avanzo**, for a variance under Section 5.3.1.E.1 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for to exceed the maximum height for an accessory structure to construct a detached two-car garage as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **80 Meade Street**, Assessor's Map 111, Lot 78 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined on the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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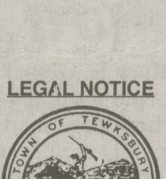
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
TEWKSBURY MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL STUDIO**

The Town of Tewksbury ("Town") is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to install new video, audio, and lighting equipment in the TMHS Broadcast Studio.

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained during normal business hours (Monday Wednesday and Thursday 7:30AM - 4:30PM, Tuesday 7:30AM - 6:00PM and Friday 7:30AM - 12:30PM) at:

Town Hall,
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Town of Tewksbury
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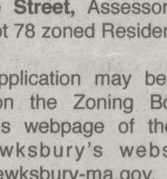
TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FORMER TRAHAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The Town of Tewksbury ("Town") is seeking proposals from qualified for profit or nonprofit developers for the lease of the former Trahan Elementary School and its redevelopment. Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained during normal business hours (Monday Wednesday and Thursday 7:30AM - 4:30PM, Tuesday 7:30AM - 6:00PM and Friday 7:30AM - 12:30PM) at: Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876 Telephone: (978) 640-4300, Fax: (978)640-4302 Or email Paula Mirabella PMirabella@tewksbury-ma.gov

Proposals, in the format described herein, are due to the Telemedia Department's office at Town Hall no later than 2:00 PM, on 02/01/2024. No proposal received after that time will be considered for any reason. Proposals must be in sealed envelopes appropriately marked "Tewksbury Memorial High School Studio Installation," are to be received not later than 2:00 PM, on 02/01/2024 to: Brian Dorrington, Telemedia Director, Town Hall, Telemedia Department, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876. All Proposals must be complete and in compliance with the submission requirements outlined in this RFP. All leases are subject to a vote of the Tewksbury Select Board.

LEGAL NOTICE



**COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT**

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

**INFORMAL PROBATE
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Docket No. MI20P4952EA

Estate of:
Selma Louise Carlson
Also Known As:
Selma Carlson,
Selma L. Carlson
Date of Death: 08/15/2020

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thelma M. Peters of Wilmington MA**

Thelma M. Peters of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

240019 1/10/24

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

**MODIFICATION TO
SITE PLAN APPROVAL
(SPR LD 2023-28)**

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 22, 2024 at 7:05 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by David DiCenso for a Modification to a Site Plan Approval for a cannabis dispensary pursuant to Section 3.6 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw and Land Disturbance Permit pursuant to Chapter 19 of the General Bylaw for changes to the parking layout and site grading as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1695 Shawshen Street, Assessor's Map 113, Lot 22, zoned Industrial 1 and Interstate Overlay District.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
245009 1/3,10/24

LEGAL NOTICE



**TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
PLANNING BOARD**

PUBLIC HEARING

SIGN SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **January 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Catalano Management, LLC on behalf of Trickett Realty Trust c/o Double Jelly Donuts MA, LLC for a Sign Special Permit pursuant to Section 6.2 of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw to install a pylon sign with electronic menu message board as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at 1220 Main Street, Assessor's Map 60, Lot 42, zoned Town Center.

The application may be examined on the Planning Board webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org.

Stephen Johnson, Chairman
245008 1/3,10/24

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Said property is located at 1992 Main Street, Assessor's Map 84, Lot 38, zoned South Village Business.

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Stephen Johnson, Chairman
245010 1/3,10/24

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The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities, and to award the contract as may be in the best interest of the Town.

No one other than the Town may alter (manually or electronically) the RFP language or any RFP documents. Unauthorized modifications to the body of the bid, specifications, terms, or conditions, which change the intent of this proposal are prohibited and will disqualify a response.

The proposal must be signed by a person authorized to bind the lease.

The proposal must be accompanied by a signed certificate of non-collusion and other documents as included in the RFP.

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Proposals, in the format described herein, are due to the Town Manager's office at Town Hall no later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday February 15, 2024. No proposal received after that time will be considered for any reason. Proposals must be in sealed envelopes appropriately marked "Trahan Elementary School Reuse Proposal," are to be received not later than 2:00 PM, on Thursday February 15, 2024, to: Richard Montuori, Town Manager, Town Hall, Town of Tewksbury, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, Massachusetts 01876. All Proposals must be complete and in compliance with the submission requirements outlined in this RFP. All leases are subject to a vote of the Tewksbury Select Board.

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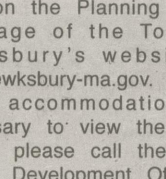
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Tewksbury is seeking proposals for year-round Recreation Programs and Activities utilizing/leasing the Town's Recreation Building with its associated courts, fields, and grounds at Saunders Recreation Complex on Livingston Street and possibly other Town-owned property. The selected firm shall have demonstrated previous experience in providing specified services for similar projects, preferably in Massachusetts. A complete Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained, without charge, by contacting the Town Manager's Office at (978) 640-4300 or by email to Paula Mirabella at PMirabella@tewksbury-ma.gov. It is recommended that respondents to this

request familiarize themselves with the detailed RFP.

The Town Manager is the Awarding Authority and will consider only responsive proposals from responsible vendors. A responsive proposal is one that complies fully with all minimum criteria and all submission requirements as stated in the RFP and is the most advantageous to the Town based on the evaluation criteria. It is the intent of the awarding authority to award a contract within sixty (60) business days after receiving the proposals.

The proposal must be submitted with two distinct components: Price Proposal and Non-Price Services Proposal. Each component must be in its own sealed, appropriately labeled envelope.

THERE MUST BE NO MENTION OF THE APPLICANT'S FEE SCHEDULE IN THE NON-PRICE SERVICES PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. ANY MENTION OF FEES WILL SUBJECT THE PROPOSAL TO REJECTION/DISQUALIFICATION.

The deadline for submitting proposals to the Tewksbury Town Manager's Office is 2:00PM, Thursday February 15, 2024. Proposals should be addressed to Richard A. Montuori, Town Manager, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA. 01876. Proposals must be clearly labeled "Proposal for Recreation Programs and Activities."

All inquiries from perspective proposers concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing to: Richard Montuori at rmontuori@tewksbury-ma.gov.

The Town of Tewksbury, through the Town Manager, is the Awarding Authority and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts of proposals; to waive any defects, informalities, and minor irregularities; to accept exceptions to these specifications; to award contracts or to cancel this Request for Proposals if it is in the Towns' best interest to do so.

240029 1/10,17/24

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School celebrates 86 recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School proudly acknowledges the outstanding achievement of 86 seniors who were honored with the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. The school held a special assembly to recognize these exceptional students, where they were welcomed by Guidance Director Jim Carlson. Each recipient was presented with their official DESE notification letters by their guidance counselors, in the presence of Principal Jessica Cook, Academic Director Danica Johnston, and Superintendent Tony McIntosh.

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship is a distinguished merit-based program that extends credit toward tuition for up to eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. This scholarship program evaluates merit based on scores from the 10th-grade Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System

(MCAS) test.

The criteria for qualifying for this honor include scoring in the Advanced category in one of three high school state assessment tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering).

Additionally, students must achieve a score in the Proficient or Advanced category in the remaining two high school state assessment tests. The final criteria is securing a combined MCAS score on these assessments that ranks within the top 25% in their school district.

Guidance Director Jim Carlson said, "Shawsheen is proud of our seniors and those receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship award. It is a testament not only to them and their hard work but to our teaching staff who assisted them along the way."

The Shawsheen Valley Technical School community takes immense pride in congratulating the fol-

lowing individuals from the class of 2024, for their exceptional achievement as recipients of the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship: Jake Amoroso, Camden Atwood, Jace Avery, Naomi Balazs, Cade Barron, Zachary Blonigen, Alice Bollinger, Reagan Bowden, Jacob Breitenbach, Roderick Burdette, Aidan Calvo, Anthony Canadas, Jonathan Chisholm, Cassandra Conti, Michaela Crowe, Mikayla Day, Jacara Degee, Daniel Devasto, Adrianna Digiacomo, Brianne Dillon, Allison Dinelli, John Dipietro, Anna Doughty, Skylar Doyle, Kevin Dusbablon, Arianna Farrell, Matthew Flavin, Brenna Follett, Luis Henrique Galicia, Kaytlin Cannon, Nicholas Gerasimov, Morgan Gilman, Quinn Guinane, Nicole Hatch, Noah Healey, Everett Healy, Brendan Heos, Elizabeth Ingram, Jasmine Johansen, Sarah Johansen, Haylee Johnston, Cole Kelley, Jared Krueger, Emily Lafond, Janice Lam, Gabriella Lentini, Liliana Lewis,

Matthew Lombardo, Shane MacArther, Tyler Mantey, Anthony Marra, Jake Martins, Aiden Mason, John McLaughlin, Sarah McLaughlin, Helen Meehan, Trevor Middleton, Layne Miller, Sean Molyneaux, Seamus Naughton, Chloe Nicholas, Gordon Noble, Allie Oliver, Eva Oppedisano, Mason O'Rourke, Christina Poirier, Logan Pyles, Matthew Ramsey, Ava Rega, Zachary Rogers, Adam San Clemente, Jason Scaringi, James Shepherd, Benjamin Skorik, Roland Spengler, Kaitlyn Spoto, Ryan Stevens, Patrick Tassone, Methun Thayaaparan, Angelique Troisi, Gabrielle Troisi, Gabriella Walazek, Joseph Wallace, Mackenzie Ware, Daniel Watne, and Brady Wheeler.

These accomplished scholars have showcased exceptional dedication, academic competency, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Their achievements stand as a testament to their hard work, serving as exemplary models for

students achieving great success through career and technical education.

About Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District

Established in 1965, Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District (SVRVTS) stands as a beacon of educational excellence, placing students at the center of its mission. Proudly serving the communities of Billerica, Bedford, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington, Shawsheen caters to the diverse needs of over 1,300 students in grades 9-12.

Dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in education, Shawsheen seamlessly integrates academics with a dynamic range of over 20 vocational-technical career pathways. Located in Billerica, Shawsheen's expansive 100-acre campus hosts an exceptional school building adorned with high-end and industry relevant equipment, athletic fields, twenty-

four varsity sports, and a plethora of extra-curricular clubs and activities.

With a passionate faculty and staff, Shawsheen remains committed to its mission: "to provide a positive learning experience in a safe educational environment that encourages all students to reach their full potential, emphasizes the value of a strong work ethic, and prepares them for adult life in a competitive world."

Beyond its traditional academic offerings, Shawsheen Valley Technical School extends its educational reach through Adult Education, After-school Enrichment Programs, Community-focused Events, and Summer Programs. The district continually strives to expand its rich and diverse programming, embracing the belief that education is a lifelong, continuous process with numerous paths leading to a successful and fulfilling life.

Possible change to bylaw might be coming at spring Town Meeting

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a can of worms."

He also proposed this may have been an oversight on the part of ZBA as this by-law wasn't enforced, at least relative to fairs.

Bendel commented that it sounded like they needed to change the by-law again at this year's Town Meeting.

Giroux later stated on behalf of the 4th of July Committee they were rea-

dy to start signing contracts and needed to get started on the board's authorization process which had yet to be formalized. He urged them to move forward so that they could hold the carnival.

Caira replied that the 4th of July Committee does great work, and even without a carnival there would still be a 4th of July celebration.

Giroux invited anyone to join one of their meetings to see the cost of operat-

ing the carnival and the celebration.

"It's a labor of love," he continued. "The carnival is 60% of our revenue."

Caira asked whether the committee would provide the Select Board with a look at the finances of the 4th of July celebration and carnival. Giroux simply stated they were a private group, and this year's celebration was going to be particularly challenging.

The motion was then made to table the vote and

discussion to their next meeting.

Maselli said she had questions now for discussion.

"I don't want all these organizations doing wonderful events to raise money to now have to jump through hoops and go through meetings to put on the events that they've been doing for 20 years," she said.

She maintained that she didn't want to make the process more difficult.

Inman agreed to speak with town counsel for guidance in this regard.

The board voted to table the discussion and vote on the authorization process.



Nature's artwork

This week's snowstorm left some artsy but empty shapes at the Yentile Playground.

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▲ Cast and crew of The Little Mermaid Jr. presented by the Wilmington Middle School Drama Club.

(Photo provided by Christopher Frye)

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Smith (grade 7) as Flounder, and Jackson Cipolle (grade 8) as Grimsby.

The cast and crew have been working diligently for weeks to perfect their performances.

Despite the hard work and long hours of practice, students have enjoyed being part of this close-knit group of aspiring actors and are very excited

about the show.

Third year club member Shannon Basler, who is playing the part of Sebastian the Crab said, "It's a very welcoming environment and I've developed lots of great relationships through this group."

When asked about the move in venue to the high school, WMS Drama Club

member Mason Hazel-Fookes said, "There's definitely going to be a learning curve getting use to entrances and exits in a new space when we are use to being at the middle school, but I'm absolutely looking forward to being able to have a bigger audience."

The show promises plenty of fast paced musical

numbers, which has been a challenge to cast members to perfect during rehearsals.

Drama Club member Kaia Donn took the challenge of her lead role as Ariel head on, stating, "It was a lot to take on, especially with blocking and memorization, but it's been really great and I'm

so glad I got the opportunity to play this role."

The Little Mermaid Jr. will be performed at the Wilmington High School, located at 159 Church St. in Wilmington. Show dates and times are Thursday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m. An opportunity to attend

a Character meet and greet will follow the Saturday afternoon performance.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and can be purchased in advance online at www.wpsk12.ludus.com.

The WMS Drama Club and their producer, Julie Hall, encourage everyone to attend, and hope the show will help kick off the new year for the community on a very positive note!

Little Mermaid, big production

Resumes for town manager due Jan. 26

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nomic development section. The committee decided that the document will remain as is.

John Doherty brought up the topic of an impending second MSBA (Massachusetts School Building Authority) project which will cost the town \$108-200 million with no clear reimbursement. He is against it and said it should be known to anyone who will be applying for town manager.

Doherty mentioned two debt overrides, water and sewer potential debt override, and felt that a new town manager should be fully aware of these pending projects. After some discussion, the committee felt these issues were adequately raised in the document and that topics could be discussed during the interview process.

Lynch presented an updated schedule to the committee and felt recruitment should start the week of Jan. 1 and should include the upcoming MMA conference where he can "twist some more arms" to apply.

Resumes would be due Jan. 26 and the committee would meet to review the resumes the following week on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in executive session.

When asked, Lynch said the position would be posted with the Massachusetts Municipal Association, the International City and County Management Association, area graduate schools to reach alumni that use their boards, and to CPA's database of approximately 400 members of the Managers Association in the Commonwealth.

Caira motioned to have the document approved as

edited with an application ending date of Jan. 26, 2024. Lynch stated that candidates are reviewed by CPA and are tiered as very qualified, interesting with relevant experience, and reasonable but unqualified, and all resumes will be given to the committee.

Lynch said to prepare to interview 7-8 candidates. The committee looked to schedule time over two days, meaning members would need to take time off of work to conduct the interviews. The process is all conducted in executive session until such time as candidates are presented to the Select Board. Those candidates, and the board's decision making, is conducted in public session.

The next meeting of the screening committee will be Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2024 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Town clerk ready for early in person voting

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person who assigns detailed officers to elections. With this established by vote, Desmond would be permitted to assign officers for the year.

Should the board approve, Lawrenson could provide the notification to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and fill in the town's early voting schedule.

Select Board member Lilia Maselli asked to confirm that the town clerk's office staff could accommodate early voting in person, which Lawrenson agreed they could. She said they don't typically have a large turnout for the local election. She was expecting an increase in voting by mail this year.

Overall, Lawrenson said they use three election workers for in person early voting, and she was adding an additional worker to assist in filing the ballots. She also shared there is a 29 fund for state reimburse-

ment where election workers clock in more than eight hours on voting days.

She mentioned that last year the town was reimbursed over \$16,000.

Lawrenson also invited residents to observe the handling of the ballots on election day. She shared there are rules about when the mail-in ballots can be opened, and it takes until as late as 4 a.m. to have them processed.

Chair Gary DePalma gave credit to the election workers and town clerk's office staff. Temporary Town Manager Lou Cimaglia also said the work they do through the election process is amazing.

The board later received communications on Finance Committee budget meetings with town departments, the town's allotment from the Fair Share Amendment in the amount of \$357,000 for public education and transportation, the Shawsheen Tech Superin-

tendent regarding a proposed Town Meeting warrant article, and Joseph Langone requesting the initiation of street acceptance for Green Meadow Drive.

Kevin Caira asked for the reasoning behind the Shawsheen Tech superintendent's request for the establishment of a stabilization fund and if they would also be requesting additional money. Cimaglia replied that he would reach out to Bryan Perry and Tony McIntosh for more information.

Under announcements, West shared the dates of Mike Kelley's funeral and wake as the upcoming Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Maselli and DePalma gave shoutouts to the DPW for their work before and during the storm this past weekend as they responded to water main breaks and electrical wire issues on top of everything else.

The board's next meeting will be on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in town hall room 9.

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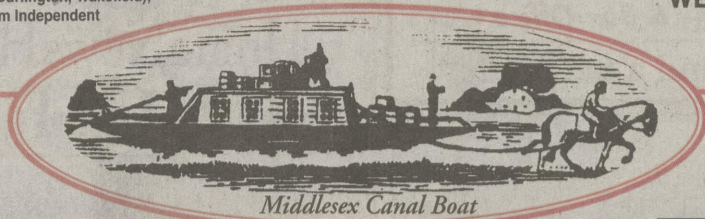
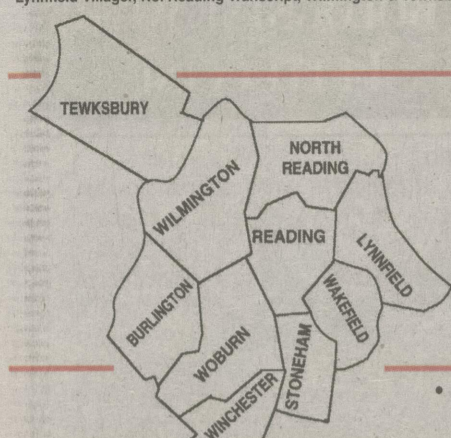
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Woburn officials unreceptive to Chick-fil-A new location

By PATRICK BLAIS

Burgers and fries may have dominated the fast-food landscape for the past several decades, but nowadays, those looking for a quick bite flock in droves to chicken sandwich chains like Chick-fil-A and Popeye's Louisiana Kitchens.

The public's insatiable chicken sandwich craze is glaringly evident in Woburn, where no fewer than four chains have located new restaurants and franchises since the spring of 2019.

At least three of those eateries, including a Popeye's Louisiana Chicken, a Dave's Hot Chicken eatery, and a Chick-fil-A restaurant, have all put down roots within an approximate one-mile radius of each other in East Woburn by Commerce Way and Washington Street. Meanwhile, Beverly-based Flip the Bird, which already dishes out its hallmark "Nashville hot

chicken sandwiches" from three other North Shore locations, recently opened its newest shop by Ferullo Field in the northern section of the community.

Last month, City Council did its best to cool-off the local chicken sandwich war by threatening to deny Chick-fil-A's quest to open its second franchise in the city just a few blocks from its wildly successful Washington Street franchise.

"It's a great spot for something else," stated former Ward 2 Councilor Richard Gately during a meeting in City Hall last month.

Proposing to open the new sit-down restaurant at the old Bertucci's Restaurant site at 117 Commerce Way, Chick-fil-A representatives, citing traffic projections prepared by their experts and independently checked by a consultant retained by the

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FAST FOOD EXPANSION - Top photo shows Woburn's current Chick-fil-A location off Washington Street. Chick-fil-A representatives, proposing to open a new sit-down restaurant at the old Bertucci's Restaurant site (bottom photo) at 117 Commerce Way, say the 78-seat eatery would not overburden an already traffic-stressed roadway network.

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Movie Reviews & Box Office News

'Boys in the Boat' is both stirring and a tad stodgy



ROW YOUR BOAT - Bruce Herbelin-Earle, from left, Callum Turner and Jack Mulhern in a scene from "The Boys in the Boat" from MGM Pictures. (Laurie Sparham/Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures via AP)

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Director George Clooney both begins and ends "The Boys in the Boat" on a sun-dappled lake. It's a seductive sight, calm and soothing, and aptly reflects the ethos of a film that often feels like one has walked into an oil painting: well-crafted, lovely to look at, and rather old-fashioned.

Telling the true-life story of the University of Washington rowing team, a scrappy group that — incredibly — reached the 1936 Berlin Olympics, Clooney has gone for stirring and a bit stodgy, pleasing and a bit predictable. Given the craft involved, this is hardly a fatal flaw. And yet, when Joel Edgerton's coach character surveys his team at one point and remarks, "We need an edge, Tom," we think: Ah, yes. A little edge here would be nice.

In place of edge, we do get moments of beauty, especially when the boys get into those boats. Rowing is, though, the last thing on the mind of Joe Rantz (Callum Turner), a homeless college student, when we first meet him.

We're in 1936 Seattle, deep into the Great Depression. Rantz is trying to learn engineering, but can barely afford to stay afloat, and we're not talking, for now, about a body of water. Abandoned by his father at 14, he can't even afford to eat lunch at the university cafeteria, slipping out to a soup kitchen. At the bursar's office, they give him two weeks to pay his bill.

A fellow student says the crew team is holding tryouts. The prospect holds little interest for Joe until he learns it comes with a paycheck and a cheap room. The only problem: only eight of the hundreds who try out will make the team.

But like every substantial obstacle in this film, this one is quickly overcome: Joe and his friend are accepted. This delights the one other person in Joe's life: Joyce (a sweet and heartfelt Hadley Robinson), who sits behind him in class, nudges him when he's about to fall asleep, and starts to fall in love with him. This is not too hard — the blond and athletic Joe is, as his friend says of Joyce earlier, "a looker" — though not much of a talker.

But there's hardly time for chitchat anyway. Days are filled with practice, practice, practice. Their rowing coach, Al Ulbrickson, is also a man of few words, let alone praise, and even fewer smiles, but Edgerton imbues him with a gruffness that doesn't mask the heart underneath (yes, a common convention in sports dramas). Too often, though, the screenplay by Mark L. Smith (based on the nonfiction book by Daniel James Brown) leaves him with little to do

but raise his binoculars momentarily, or utter lines like: "We're going to go in there and do it until we get it right!"

The junior varsity Huskies are the quintessential underdogs in every way. And so nobody expects much when they get to their first big test, against Cal Berkeley. "Let's show them what's in this boat!" says the energetic coxswain, Bobby (Luke Slater), whose job is to steer the boat, coordinate the rowers and, at key moments, urge them to greatness.

We're guided along by radio commentary: "Washington is struggling to keep pace. Washington is surging! Washington is going to do it!" We know the team will defy expectations and pass each big test, because if they didn't, their story would end, but Clooney and team make it pretty exciting just the same. The crowd scenes, with fans in period garb in hues of brown, are lovely.

Next up is a much more difficult test, along the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie, New York, where the winner will claim the right to compete in the Olympics. Ulbrickson makes the debated call to send these boys — the university's junior boat — to the event. Before they leave, however, Joe's focus is disrupted by a disturbing meetup with a figure from his past.

But not much is made of this meeting, and though Joe gets briefly exiled from the team — he dared to tell his coach, "I don't care" — he is soon standing tall again, after a heart-to-heart with an older, wiser figure (Peter Guinness) who gives just the pep talk he needs. Right in time for an epic showdown presented as something of a class struggle — "old money versus no money at all," announces the colorful radio announcer.

There is one more setback before this team of underdogs can make it to Berlin, and its resolution is one of the more moving moments in the script. And then, finally, they arrive in Nazi Germany, to the swastikas and the banners and patriotic crowds urging on the German team, with Adolf Hitler in the stands.

We'll avoid the spoiler, but suffice it to say that the finale does pretty much what it needs to. No, there is not much "edge" here, but Clooney and team prove that sometimes, slow and steady — or should we say, pretty and pleasing — can still win some races.

"The Boys in the Boat," a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures release, has been rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association "for language and smoking." Running time: 124 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

HomeNewsHere RECIPE

MUSHROOM BOLOGNESE WITH FETTUCCINE



PASTA NIGHT - A lighter take on the classic Italian sauce, this vegetarian bolognese is packed with mushrooms and vegetables in a rich tomato base. Serve with fettuccine and you'll have a hearty dinner.

STEPS

1. In 5-quart Dutch oven, heat 2 tablespoons of the oil over medium-high heat until hot. Cook onions, carrots, celery, garlic and salt in oil 5 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until softened. Remove vegetable mixture from Dutch oven to small bowl.

2. In same Dutch oven, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms; cook 14 to 19 minutes, stirring occasionally, until mushrooms are tender and liquid has evaporated.

3. Stir in vegetable mixture, crushed tomatoes, tomato sauce, thyme, oregano and red pepper flakes; heat to simmering; reduce heat to medium-low. Continue cooking uncovered 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally, until sauce is starting to thicken. Remove from heat; stir in soy sauce.

4. Meanwhile, cook fettuccine as directed on package; drain. Serve fettuccine with sauce. Gar-

Ingredients

• 3 tablespoons olive oil	tomatoes with basil, undrained
• 1 cup diced onions	• 1 can (15 oz) Muir Glen™ organic tomato sauce
• 1/2 cup diced carrot	• 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
• 1/4 cup finely chopped celery	• 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
• 4-1/2 teaspoons finely chopped garlic	• 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
• 1/4 teaspoon salt	• 1 tablespoon soy sauce
• 2 packages (8 oz each) baby bella mushrooms, coarsely chopped	• 12 oz uncooked fettuccine (from 16-oz box)
• 2 packages (8 oz each) white button mushrooms, coarsely chopped	• 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese, if desired
• 1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen™ organic crushed tomatoes	• 1/4 cup thinly sliced fresh basil leaves, after removing sauce from heat.
nish with shredded Parmesan cheese and basil.	

EXPERT TIPS

- Cooked fettuccine may be stirred into the bolognese or topped with sauce, based on your preference.
- Prefer a creamier sauce? If desired, stir in 1/3 cup half-and-half or heavy whipping cream

CHICK-FIL-A FROM B1

city, had insisted the 78-seat eatery would not overburden an already traffic-stressed roadway network.

Maureen McHugh, a traffic consultant hired by the petitioner, even suggested her client could even help alleviate regional congestion by adding new 'Do Not Block' pavement markings and retiming a traffic signal by the site's main driveway by Lowe's Home Improvement and the Woburn Village development's Market Basket store.

Local officials like Ward 5 Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen, whose district is home to Chick-fil-A's nearby Washington Street franchise, scoffed at those claims.

"If Chick-fil-A was a pop star, it would be Taylor Swift," stated Mercer-Bruen during a gathering in City Hall last month. "And I say that because if you ever spent any amount of time at the Chick-fil-A down on Washington Street, [you'd know] there's no way that a few 'no blocking' signs and adjusting some signals could possibly mitigate anything [that attracts as much traffic as this restaurant]."

Ultimately, Chick-fil-A, rather than see the petition formally rejected by a vote of the council, was given leave to withdraw the petition without prejudice during a meeting in City Hall on Dec. 19. It's unclear whether the Atlanta-based chain plans to reintroduce the special permit request in a different form.

Under Woburn's zoning ordinance, a special permit is required for all fast-food uses within the community.

Big traffic concerns

Last summer, when Chick-fil-A first sought permission to open the new eatery by the corner of Mishawum Road and Commerce Way, company representative Clint Mattson promised the chain had no current or future plans to site a drive-through window at the old pizzeria site.

"Yes ma'am," responded Mattson during an introductory public hearing on the petition last August, when he was asked by the Ward 5 councilor if Chick-fil-A corporate is willing to sign a legally-binding pledge prohibiting a drive-through in perpetuity.

Situated across the street from the Woburn Village site and a short-distance from highway ramps to and front I-95 south, the 1.33-acre retail space at corner of Commerce Way has long been home to sit-down restaurants, including an old Brigham's Restaurant.

Throughout the months-long public hearing process before the City Council, Chick-fil-A officials argued the sit-down restaurant model would function much dif-

ferently than the Washington Street location, which has a dual drive-through configuration.

For example, a traffic analysis prepared by McHugh projected just 60 customers would frequent the Commerce Way driveway during weekday lunchtime hours, when many of the area's restaurants are flooded by area workers.

"Based on our analysis, we don't [foresee] any turning or queuing issues," the traffic engineer reported. "[Traffic during peak hours] in all cases is about a trip per minute or minute-and-a-half that we're looking at exiting that driveway."

In a major development that appeared to validate those claims, officials from Vanasse, Hangen, and Brustlin (VHB) - the firm retained by Woburn to conduct a peer-review of the petitioner's traffic findings - generally concurred with McHugh's projections in a report released in late November.

Those representing Chick-Fil-A seized upon the VHB conclusions to push for a favorable decision on the special permit.

"In regards to the traffic, you've had a peer reviewer, a nationally known traffic engineering firm, [render an opinion about this project]. I think they know what they're doing," attorney Joseph Tarby, a local lawyer hired to represent the fast-food chain, remarked during a meeting in City Hall in early December.

However, rather than convincing the City Council that the new restaurant could open without further compromising already delicate regional traffic patterns, the VHB report had the opposite effect.

For example, Mercer-Bruen pointed out that the city's traffic consultant had made similar declarations about the Woburn Village redevelopment of the old Woburn Mall site across the street from the Bertucci's building. Yet, that analysis in her opinion proved to be disastrously incorrect.

The East Woburn official's colleagues couldn't help but agree.

"This is a very busy area and the traffic is unimaginable now, especially during the day. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., it's an absolute rush down there," later agreed Ward 6 Councilor Lou DiMambro. "I think this needs to go back to committee. There's a lot to hash out here."

"We've been doing this for a lot of years and some of the [traffic reports] we've seen are laughable," Gately would remark during a subsequent meeting in City Hall on the proposal. "All of the peer reviews in the world down on Commerce Way won't get me to believe that building is viable down there. It's not going to work."

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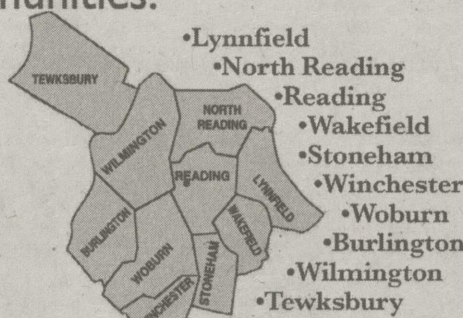
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Tewksbury Police Log

Burlington resident arrested on several drug charges

Monday, January 1

2:49 a.m. - One-car motor vehicle accident at Whipple Road, car crashed into a tree. Three people, passive airbag. Caller reported people were talking, unknown injuries. Police ambulance sent. Cordeiro Souza, 31, of 2 Ruby Road in Saugus, was arrested and charged with child endangerment OUI, negligent operation of motor vehicle, OUI liquor, and marked lanes violation.

3:10 a.m. - Home owner of Pleasant Street reported a man in street walking, stumbling and holding a flashlight. He was wearing a leather jacket, ball cap, with a speaker on his shoulder dancing in roadway. He was believed to be light-skinned. He was walking erratically toward the school. Caller believed he was intoxicated. Police sent. They spoke to the male party. The party was just out walking because it was the anniversary of his father's death. Party was on the sidewalk and would be going back home for the night.

Tuesday, January 2

3:21 a.m. - Caller reported around 1:30 a.m., he

saw on his video camera two people in his yard sneaking around looking suspicious at Leisa G Drive. Police sent. Caller stated the vehicle was in her driveway, but then noticed the back plate was missing. The police spoke to the home owner, and all appeared in order. However, a request to contact was made and Billerica Police Department was sent. Michael Sullivan, 39, of 10 Sullivan St. in Burlington, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen motor vehicle, two counts of receive stolen property less than \$1,200, two counts of number plate violation to conceal identification, arrestee furnish two law enforcement false ID information, unlicensed operation of motor vehicle, possess class B drugs (methamphetamine), possession class B drugs (LSD), possession class C drugs, and two counts for a warrant on violation.

5:23 a.m. - Passerby reported two males hanging out in the area appeared suspicious on Trull Road. Police sent. Lowell reported they have nothing showing matching that description.

11:22 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male

wearing a green jacket walked in front of their neighbor's house that a recent break at Overlook Drive. Police sent. They reported checking the backyard from Kendal through overlook. Everything cleared. The male was an Amazon employee who was dropping off a package.

4:44 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a tow company trying to scam her at Archstone Avenue. Vehicle was towed on Friday. Caller reported Tesla was trying to charge her storage fees. Police sent and officer filed a report.

Wednesday, January 3

12:31 p.m. - Caller reported a male party (jacket, possibly gray, white hat on, backpack with an orange cord) on a moped, got off scooter pulled a gray package out of backpack, which he stashed in the branches in the median toward Marshalls area where the construction equipment was at Market Basket north. He believed party was going toward Route 38. Police sent. They found the item. It was a trap.

9:33 p.m. - Passerby reported a male party at Wendy's was arguing with

employees attempting to get in the front door. Caller reported party was a black male wearing a red sweatshirt, red hat, and black pants and he was arguing with the employees who were holding the door closed. Police sent. Individuals trying to get in the building were employees, Manager verified individuals worked there.

10:14 p.m. - Caller reported she was locked inside the store at CVS south. Police sent. Female party was attempting to shop. The store did not make an announcement when store was closing. The police did a walk through of store with a key holder who stated nothing seemed out of place. Female party did not have any store property on her.

Thursday, January 4

11:20 a.m. - Female party stated she saw a man in a trench coat in the woods behind her house walking toward Ames Hill. Police checked the area of that and Catamount. They advised the caller if she saw him again to call immediately.

11:28 a.m. - Caller on her way in to station. She left her house because a red

SUV was seen driving toward Tewksbury and stopped in front of her house at Lake Street. They took a photo. Officer filed report.

5:09 p.m. - Caller reported an employee was believed to be intoxicated and would not leave the store at Market Basket north. Police sent. Jose Hercules, 24, of 68 Chelsea St. in East Boston, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on police officer, threat to commit crime to wit murder, resist arrest, and threat to commit crime to wit assault and battery on police officer.

Friday, January 5

1 a.m. - Police out at Main Street checking on a party. Male party would be parking vehicle due to roommate leaving early in the morning.

4 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle was in front of his home at Elm Avenue. Neighbor alerted him to a yellow sedan, but it looked gray through his camera footage. Police sent, but the vehicle was gone on arrival. Caller just wanted to check based on previous calls.

4:14 p.m. - Loss prevention reported three juveniles in the office for shoplifting at Walmart. Juvenile, 15, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing and resist arrest.

Saturday, January 6

12:35 a.m. - Police re-

ported he saw male party in the vicinity of True Fitness. Jonathan Cameron, 32, of 143 Ipswitch St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with a warrant for assault dangerous weapon, breaking and entering for misdemeanor, and trespass.

1:59 a.m. - Police sent. Worker from Fairfield Inn reported they had a disturbance taking place. A male yelled in the background of the call. They then stated the party left and they did not want any assistance. Officer filed report.

Sunday, January 7

5:52 a.m. - Monitor company of Autofair Toyota of Tewksbury reported they wanted the male in a white SUV in front of the service door to move along. No contact with the key holder. Police sent. It was one of the technicians who worked there.

6:52 a.m. - Caller reported a group of people were in the area very late last night and when they plowed would go down the road, they would disperse at Bligh Street. Police sent and filed a report.

10:33 a.m. - Caller looking to report she heard a loud bang and it appeared that the internal door lock has been smashed in at Archstone Avenue. Police sent. There was significant wear to the inside door handle, but it doesn't appear to show signs of tampering. They would be contacting property management.



Wilmington Police Log

Two arrested for drug possession at gas station

Friday, Dec. 29:

7:19 a.m.: Rogério Cunha de Sousa of 34 Royal Crest Dr., in North Andover, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding. This followed a stop of his vehicle on Salem Street, whereupon it was discovered that his Brazilian license was invalid.

9:36 a.m.: A caller on Shawshen Avenue reported that their white 2011 Nissan Altima had been stolen sometime between 5 p.m. the day before and 8 a.m. that day.

5:49 p.m.: Daybin Joel Rosario Almonte of 1964 S 6th St., in Allentown, PA, was arrested for attempting to commit a crime, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and conspiracy, while Darianyi Paulino Martinez of 127 Bent Pine Trl., in Hazle Township, PA, was arrested for conspiracy, attempt-

ing to commit a crime, false ID information to police, and identity fraud. This followed a caller at Advance Auto Parts reported that his boss informed him to call the police if a certain package showed up at the store.

Saturday, Dec. 30:

2:36 p.m.: An oil can was leaking on the ground at Burlington Avenue and Boutwell Street. It was moved to the side of the road, and the DPW sanded the road and picked up the oil can.

5:32 p.m.: A caller reported receiving a call from a female friend's phone number. When he picked up, there was a man on the phone, who he believed may have been an ex-boyfriend of her's, with whom she had a restraining order. DSP spoke to her over the phone, and she stated she was OK and didn't need

help. However, she didn't state where she was, and was unable to be located.

Sunday, Dec. 31:

3:08 a.m.: A caller on the I-93 NB Highway reported a vehicle that was off the roadway. Fire department and state police found an unconscious man in his vehicle, who soon after woke up. Mass Highway was notified of a food exit sign for exit 35 having been struck.

9:01 a.m.: Attempted to find a deer stand that had been illegally placed on town property. The deer stand was found near Wilton Drive, and the location was marked.

2:12 p.m.: A caller at TJ Maxx on Main Street reported that their white 2017 Lexus RX350 had been the victim of a hit-and-run.

Monday, Jan. 1:

12:51 a.m.: Sean A Beharry of 299 Salem St., in Haverhill, was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and a lights violation. This followed a stop of his gray 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee near the post office on Church Street.

2:13 a.m.: State police reported a one-car motor vehicle crash on the I-93 NB Highway, exit 35. Airbags had been deployed on the black 2015 BMW 328i, and the fire department was informed of a passenger with bruising on his face. State police were to arrest the driver.

12:07 p.m.: A caller reported that she was involved in a motor vehicle crash near Concord Street and the I-93 NB Rt. 33 ramp the night before, causing damage to her vehicle's front right headlight and fender. She did not get operator information from the other in-

involved party.

Tuesday, Jan. 2:

5:19 a.m.: Assisted Tewksbury police with the recovery of a stolen white 2011 Nissan Altima. The vehicle was escorted from 25 Harnden Way, in Tewksbury, to the Wilmington police station. Tewksbury police seized the plates.

3:51 p.m.: The water department reported that the locking mechanism for the water tower broke off, and were notified of an intrusion into the water tower. Nobody was found on scene at the time. The first alarm came almost an hour before, followed by two other alarms. Nothing appeared to be damaged inside, and everything seemed to be in working order.

Wednesday, Jan. 3:

2:28 a.m.: Justin H Diplatzi of 23 Forest St., in Wilmington, was arrested for possession of a class E drug. This followed a stop of his gray 2004 Chevy Silverado near the McDonald's on Main Street.

9:25 a.m.: Robert Emerson Maciver of 287 Salem St., in Wilmington, was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and operating a motor vehicle with

a license suspended for OUI. This followed a stop of his black 2017 Chevy Silverado on Andover Street.

1:33 p.m.: Robert Allen Reppucci III of 33 North St., in Wilmington, was arrested for OUI-drugs, unlawful possession of fireworks, and possession of a Class A drug, while Sarah June Brock of 59 Pontiac St., Apt. #2, in Boston, was arrested for possession of a class C drug, and possession of a class E drug. This followed a report of two people passed out in a vehicle at the pumps at Sonny's Mobile on the Run on Lowell Street.

Thursday, Jan. 4:

2:45 p.m.: A white 2023 GMC Acadia and a white 2020 Ford F550 were involved in a minor motor vehicle accident near the North Intermediate School on Salem Street.

8:04 p.m.: Erika Silva Oliveira of 10 Ridge St., in Andover, was issued a summons for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding at a rate of speed greater than was reasonable and proper. This followed a caller reporting a white 2016 Chevy Sonic was circling the McDonald's on Main Street at a high speed.

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Two arrested, charged with drug distribution

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department arrested and charged two individuals with drug distribution charges.

Shaheed Williams, 38, of Beverly, was arrested and charged with:

- Distribution of a Class

B Substance (Subsequent Offense)

Angela Lemieux, 27, of Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with:

- Possession of a Class B Substance with Intent to Distribute

On Friday, Jan. 5, at approximately 12:50 p.m., Tewksbury Police were conducting surveillance

in the area of Ames Hill Drive with assistance from the Middlesex Sheriff's Office.

Investigators observed what appeared to be a drug transaction between a man in a vehicle, and a woman who lives in the apartments. Officers then stopped both individuals. The woman, identified

as Lemieux, was found in possession of two grams of cocaine in separate baggies and a digital scale. The man involved in the transaction, identified as Williams, was found with cash.

Both were arrested on scene and arraigned Monday in Lowell District Court.



Boys basketball team working hard

Wildcats erase big deficit before falling in Watertown

By JASON COOKE & DOUG HASTINGS
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WILMINGTON — The Wilmington High School boys basketball team simply doesn't quit.

Lexington's Sam Myerberg was shooting the lights out at WHS as the Minutemen swarmed up and down the floor last Tuesday night. The sophomore standout scored 33 points on six 3-pointers, keeping Lexington in the driver's seat for most of the game.

Whenever his team needed a

big shot, he delivered.

But that didn't mean Wilmington would back down.

The 'Cats traded buckets with Lexington all night, failing to let the Minutemen cruise to the finish line unscathed. It's nothing new for the Wildcats, who have been fighting for every inch since last season's 0-15 start.

"Every day, these kids come and work their tails off at practice and every game they play hard, and we turned it around at the end of the season," assistant coach Tim Kelly said after the game. "We believe in ourselves a lot this year, and I think every-

one's seeing it every game. They're fighting until the very end. It's a testament to these kids, they do not stop fighting. Coach (Jon) Amico wasn't here tonight, but it's also a testament to him as a leader. The kids always want to play hard for him every single game."

As soon as the ball was tipped at WHS, the 'Cats dug in for what they knew wouldn't be an easy contest. Lexington raced out to a fast 8-1 lead, eventually closing the first quarter up 20-7. It was the same story in the second quarter, as a 7-2 Lexington run guided them to a 30-16 half-time advantage.

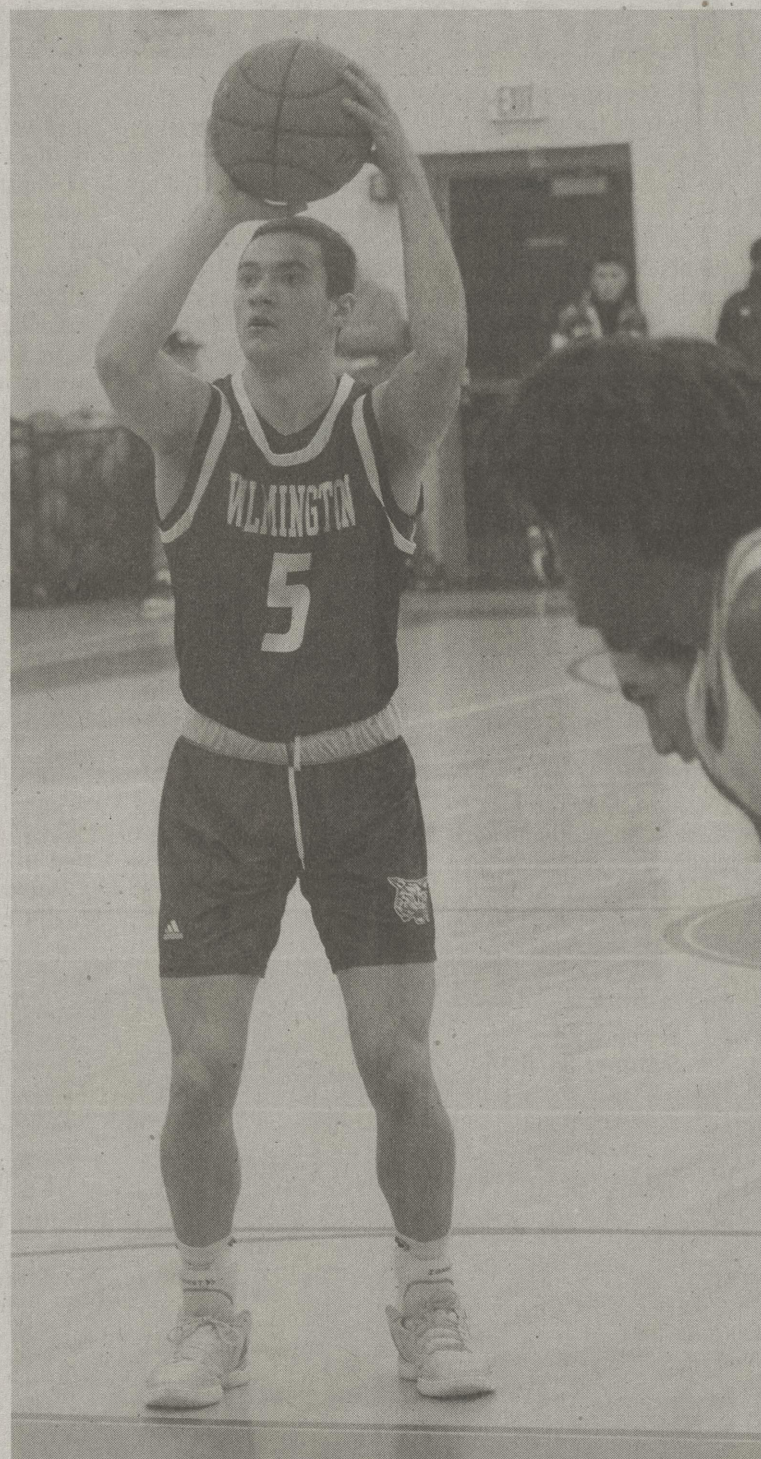
The Wildcats just wouldn't go away.

Whenever Lexington threatened to maintain a big lead, Wilmington would claw its way into the deficit.

Tiago Gomez lit a spark in the third, scoring nine of his 13 points to keep Wilmington in the game. On the defensive end, the 'Cats nodded to Ben Marvin to take on the duties of covering Myerberg. That decision paid dividends, as Marvin held the talented scorer to just 12 second-half points. It's no surprise to Kelly that two captains ignited Wilmington's push.

"They're our captains for a reason," he said. "That's the attitude they bring, they bring that same attitude in practice. It's collective leadership, and it starts with the captains, and it starts with Jon Amico. That leadership spreads throughout the team."

"We made adjustments at half-time of what we wanted to do on him, and Ben Marvin was on him most of the second half, and he did an awesome job," continued Kelly. "That kid was a really, really good player, and our guys were playing some great defense on him. That kid was a hooper."



▲ Senior Christian Febbo lines up a free throw against Watertown.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Senior Tiago Gomez dribbles past a defender.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



Friday in Watertown, Wilmington nearly pulled off a victory.

Don't be fooled by the final score.

While the Raiders beat Wilmington on Friday by a 56-44 score, the Wildcats outplayed the Raiders for much of the second half and whittled a 15-point lead down to two halfway through the third quarter.

Up 33-31, Watertown responded with a 14-3 surge that lasted into the fourth quarter and had the Raiders back up by 15, 50-35, with time winding down.

The Wildcats never led, falling behind by a 10-2 margin early in the game, but WHS kept fighting back all game long.

Wilmington used a 9-1 spurt to close to within 13-11 before ending the first quarter down 17-11.

Three different players scored in the Wildcat run as Ayden Balter powered inside for a layup, Gomez scored inside, Oatis finished a nice pass by Gomez and Oatis swished a 3-pointer.

The Raiders pushed their lead to 29-14 in the second quarter after a two-handed dunk by William Carty, but Wilmington's 8-2 run to close the second quarter cut Watertown's lead to nine, 31-22, at halftime.

The 'Cats started the third quarter with a 9-2 surge.

Gomez's layup was followed by two Balter foul shots. Balter was tasked with guarding Watertown's immense center, Carty, throughout the game, but played well, blocking a shot by Carty to open the game and forcing him to the bench with foul trouble early in the second half.

A 3-pointer by Michael Lawler made it 31-29 and two more Balter free throws made it 33-31 with 3:35 left in the quarter.

The lead was only four late in the third before Carty earned a trip to the line and hit one before Jeffrey Herbin tracked down the rebound of the missed second free throw and fed Carty, who drew another foul and hit both freebies to make it 39-32. WA10 Serge Gebeyan scored just before the quarter ended for a nine-point Raider lead heading into the fourth.

Wilmington trailed 44-34 after a layup by Balter, but Aidan Didovic hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put this one out of reach.

After visiting Woburn on Tuesday, WHS hosts Melrose on Friday at 7 p.m.

▲ Senior Austin Harper drives to the basket against Watertown.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Early deficits too much for girls hoop team to overcome

Wildcats can't catch Raiders, Minutemen

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Eva Boudreau's 22 points weren't enough to push the Wilmington High School girls basketball team past Lexington last Tuesday night.

A sluggish first quarter and a few missed layups were the difference, as the 'Cats dropped a Middlesex League matchup by a score of 59-47.

After a four-game winning streak to close out the month of December, the 'Cats are skidding into the New Year.

"They're very athletic, and they could shoot," said WHS coach Chris Frissore after the loss. "I think it should have been closer than it was, we just missed a lot of layups."

After a slow start to the

opening quarter, Boudreau sunk a trio of 3-pointers to keep the Wildcats within striking distance amidst her season-high 22-point performance.

"We didn't come out firing, and that backfired," said Frissore. "Eva (Boudreau) hit a couple of quick threes, and we were back in it, and then we were playing. We just missed a lot of easy layups."

Boudreau, a leading scorer along with Allie Delgenio this season in the Wilmington backcourt, was at the top of her game on Tuesday night. Once the junior sharpshooter finds her groove from distance, there isn't much the defense can do.

"She came out firing, which really kept us in it and made us realize we had to play," said Frissore. "We didn't really

come out ready to play so that was big, she played really well."

Delgenio was right behind her, scoring 15 points of her own. Jill Collins (six points) and Erin McCarthy (four points) rounded out Wilmington's scoring.

After a three-game span of non-conference matchups before Lexington on Tuesday, the Wildcats were welcomed back to the constant challenge of the Middlesex. Frissore understands that any game can go either way but hopes his team will come out on top as the season progresses.

"That's how the season goes, it's the Middlesex League," said Frissore. "There'll be some ups and downs, and I just hope that in those tight games, I hope we come out with a couple of wins as opposed



Eva Boudreau had 22 points last week against Lexington.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

to always being within five (and lose). I want to make sure we have a couple wins where we won by five."

Last Friday, the script was similar for the 'Cats, who once again shook off a slow start and played well down the stretch before falling to Watertown, 44-34.

After trailing by 20 in the third quarter, the

Wildcats outscored the Raiders by a 19-9 margin the rest of the way.

Three-point shots by Boudreau and McCarthy and a bank shot by Summer Sands helped close the gap to 16 after three quarters.

In the fourth, a 3-pointer by Leah Murphy off a nice pass from Boudreau helped the 'Cats keep coming. McCarthy's of-

fensive rebound set up the basket.

Wilmington saw 3-pointers from Murphy and Boudreau and Delgenio's excellent pass led to a hoop by McCarthy, but the Wildcats simply ran out of time.

Wilmington hosted Woburn on Tuesday and plays Melrose at home on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Sophomore Summer Sands makes a move past a defender in Watertown on Friday.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



▲ Erin McCarthy drives to the basket against Watertown.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Swimmers sweep Hamilton-Wenham

Led by 11 seniors the North Reading/Wilmington swim team swam to victory against Hamilton-Wenham at its home pool at Gordon College.

GIRLS

The girls took 1-2 in the 200 medley relay and did not look back, winning by a 94-65 score.

Senior standout Kyla Kelley of Wilmington won the 200 yard freestyle and qualified for the Div. 2 State

meet for the third meet in a row.

Sophomore Ella Dong of Wilmington won the 200 Individual Medley. NR senior Lauren Feffer won the 50 free and freshman Angelina Vo of Wilmington placed second.

After the break, Kelley won the 100 fly in another state qualifying time.

Feffer was touched out in the 100 freestyle to place second.

In the 500 yard freestyle senior Rachel Reppucci of

Wilmington placed second.

The 200 yard freestyle relay consisting of Wilmington residents Katherine Murphy,

Angelina Vo, Eli Fitzpatrick, and Cassie Tibbetts won the event.

In the 100 yard backstroke Dong won the event, with junior Emily Cronin placing second.

In the 100 breaststroke, a close race for second developed between sisters Priscilla and Angelina Vo

with older sister Priscilla taking second by 2 tenths.

In the final event, the 400 freestyle relay, the sectional qualifying team of Feffer, Dong, Priscilla Vo, and Kelley placed first.

BOYS

The NRW boys outnumbered the Hamilton-Wenham boys 16-4 and swam to victory.

The NRW boys took 1-2 in the 200 yard medley relay and swept the 200

yard freestyle, with freshman Cole Falk taking first and qualifying for the Div. 2 state meet.

In the 200 Individual Medley junior Ivan Deiko took first with junior Spencer Bagtaz taking second.

In the 50 yard freestyle senior Mantvydas Banevicius placed first.

In the 100 yard butterfly freshman Cole Falk took his second individual race of the meet. Junior Ivan Deiko won the grueling 500 yard freestyle.

The NRW boys took the 200 freestyle relay and junior Spencer Bagtaz claimed first in the 100 yard backstroke.

In the 100 yard breaststroke senior Dat Tran placed second and in the 400 yard freestyle relay

NRW boys took first and second.

The teams next face Manchester Essex at the Burbank YMCA on Jan. 13 with a 5 p.m. start.

Boys hockey finding its groove

Wildcats rally past Wakefield, tie Stoneham

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The Wilmington High School boys hockey team certainly had some difficult assignments in the first few games of its season.

The Wildcats kicked off their winter slate with two monster opponents in Winchester and Arlington, resulting in a pair of disheartening losses. Arlington recently knocked off Division 1 standout BC High before tying perennial power Catholic Memorial.

It's simply the price of admission to the highly competitive Middlesex League. But, not only do those

games raise Wilmington's level of play to keep up with the fast and relentless competition, it also carries over into their other contests.

The result?

The 'Cats took three out of four points last week, rebounding after two tough losses in the Hillies Christmas Tournament.

Wilmington edged Wakefield 4-3 on Wednesday before skating to a 0-0 tie against Stoneham on Saturday.

"You are up to speed when you're playing those good teams," said Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon. "You better be, or they do a job on you. It does sharpen you anyways, you got to make your decisions quick and I think it does

help you when the speed of the game steps down a little bit."

The 'Cats returned to Division 3 and 4 play last week, carrying over their previous level of intensity to Wakefield and Stoneham.

"Once we get back in our division, all the teams are pretty competitive," said Scanlon.

"Any of those games can go either way, so it's a lot better for the kids."

Wednesday's contest with Wakefield was as contested as they come.

The 'Cats clawed back after Wakefield scored a shorthanded goal to take a 3-1 lead in the second period.

Wilmington converted on

a power play opportunity to close the period and never looked back; the Wildcats scored just 28 seconds into the final frame before Adam Ebert's game-winning goal with seven minutes remaining was enough to prevail by a score of 4-3.

Enduring offensive struggles early in the season, it was refreshing for Scanlon for his first line of Ebert, Matt O'Brien, and Daniel Lagunilla to each find the back of the net in the win.

Besides Ebert's game-winner, O'Brien had a pair of goals and an assist, and Lagunilla lit the lamp.

"They're our best offensive players, so we need them to get going in games," said the coach.

"All of those kids pitched in and that's big for us."

Bobby Cyr, Eric Spinney, and Colin Allard picked up helpers in the win.

On Saturday, Wilmington's offense came to a halt — but their defense didn't, especially between the pipes.

In a 0-0 draw to Stoneham, Tyler Marinho stopped 28 shots in his first career varsity shutout. The performance was nothing new for the junior netminder, who's been stacking saves all season for the 'Cats.

"When you look at his saves, we're allowing six goals and he's making 40 saves. That's a lot of activity," said Scanlon.

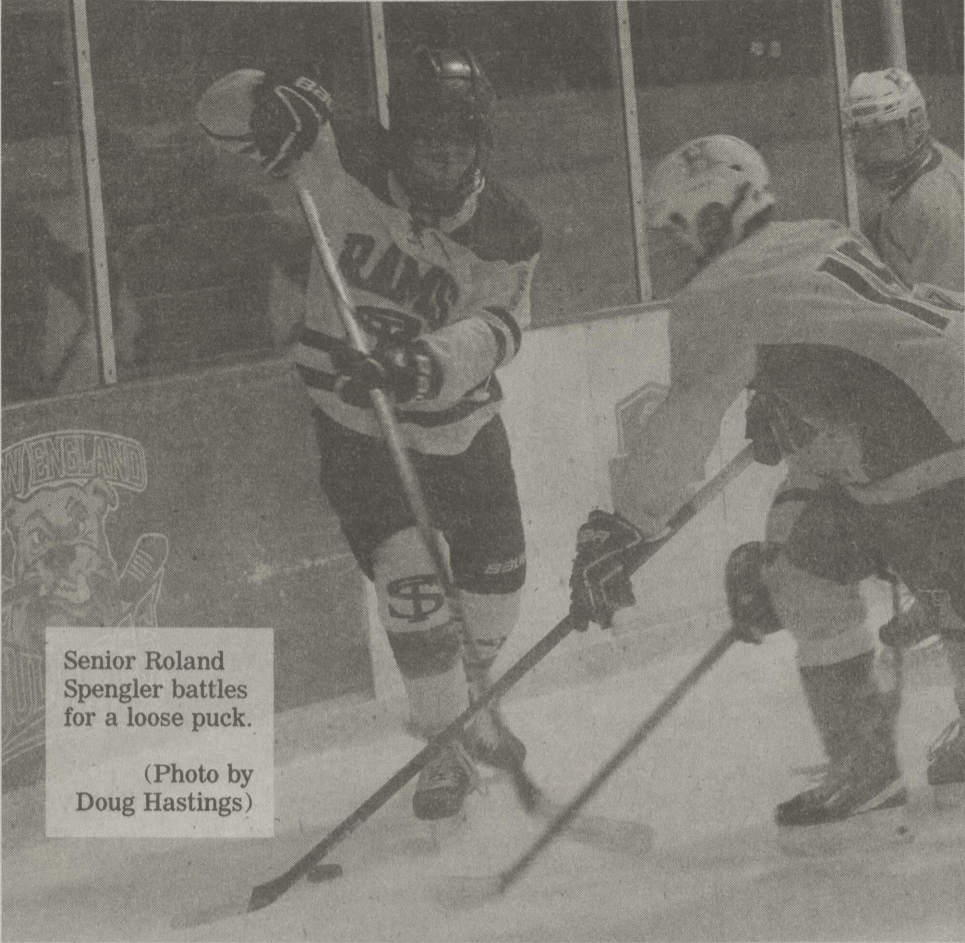
Through various power play attempts, breakaways,

and ultimately overtime, neither team could break through at Stoneham Arena.

"It was a very tight-checking, competitive game (with) a great effort by both teams," admitted Scanlon. "Both goaltenders were good, and both teams missed some good opportunities."

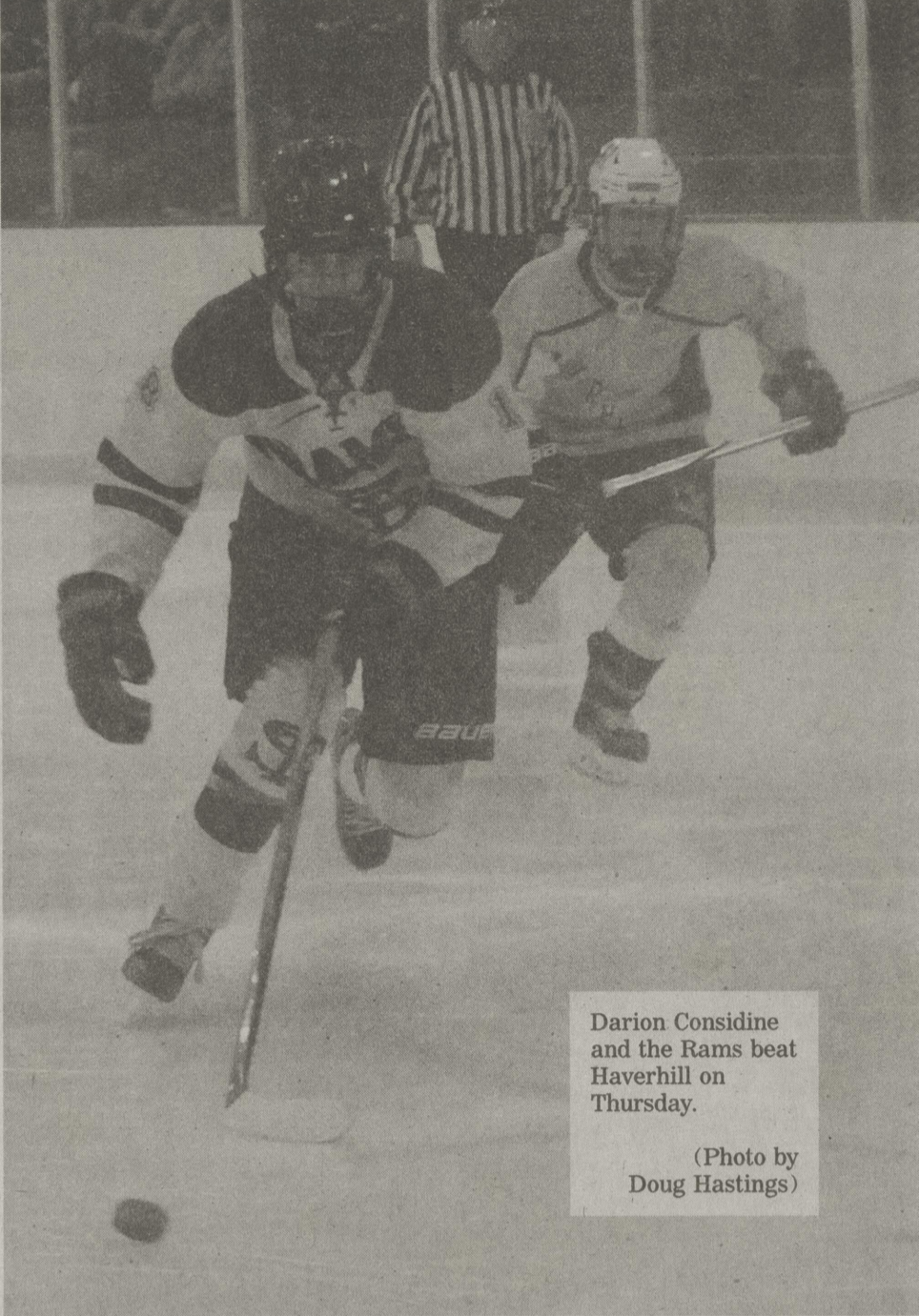
The Wildcats will look to keep trending in the right direction with matchups with Watertown (Thursday) and Melrose (Saturday).

"We were happy with the week," concluded Scanlon. "Four points available, we took three of the four. That's the goal again this week. Four points, let's see if we can get them all."



Senior Roland Spengler battles for a loose puck.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)



Darion Considine and the Rams beat Haverhill on Thursday.

(Photo by Doug Hastings)

Shawsheen Tech Roundup:

Boys hockey storms past Haverhill

Early 2-0 deficit can't stop 5-1 Rams

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The journey was a little rocky, but the ending sure was fun.

The Shawsheen Tech boys hockey team beat Haverhill on Thursday in Billerica by a 4-2 score.

Shawsheen (5-1) rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the win, scoring the eventual game-winning goal with just 1:06 to go.

Senior Liam Milne converted the go-ahead goal, finishing a pass from senior Chase Darcey.

The Rams added an empty-net goal by Darcey in the final minute.

The Hillies led 1-0 after a power-play goal in the first period and took a 2-0 lead with 3:22 left in the second, that's when the Rams got going.

Shawsheen scored a power-play goal with 1:35 left in the second.

Just 20 seconds after Haverhill was called for a penalty, Darcey scored with Milne and junior Larry Cullity earning assists.

Just 14 seconds later, Darcey tied the game with an unassisted tally.

Shawsheen's defense was solid, allowing just one even-strength goal as senior goalie Mike Cedrone had another outstanding game between the pipes.

The Rams have a busy week on the horizon.

On Wednesday, they played on the road against Northeast Regional before

hosting Lowell Catholic on Thursday night. Next Monday at 12 p.m., Shawsheen hosts Longmeadow.

GIRLS HOCKEY ON A ROLL

After an 0-2 start, the Shawsheen Tech/Bedford High girls hockey team improved to 5-3 with back-to-back victories over Medford and Marblehead.

On Saturday, the Rams topped the Mustangs in a tight defensive battle, 2-1.

Shawsheen's Ella Haynes scored her first varsity goal to give the Rams the lead, assisted by Alexis Fox and Olivia Rourk.

Olivia O'Brien of Bedford had the other Shawsheen goal, unassisted.

In a 3-1 win against Marblehead, Fox scored the first Ram goal, assisted by Violet Lorusso of Bedford.

Bedford's Becca Sobol and Lucy Scoville had the other Shawsheen goals.

Sobol and Anna McEachern earned assists.

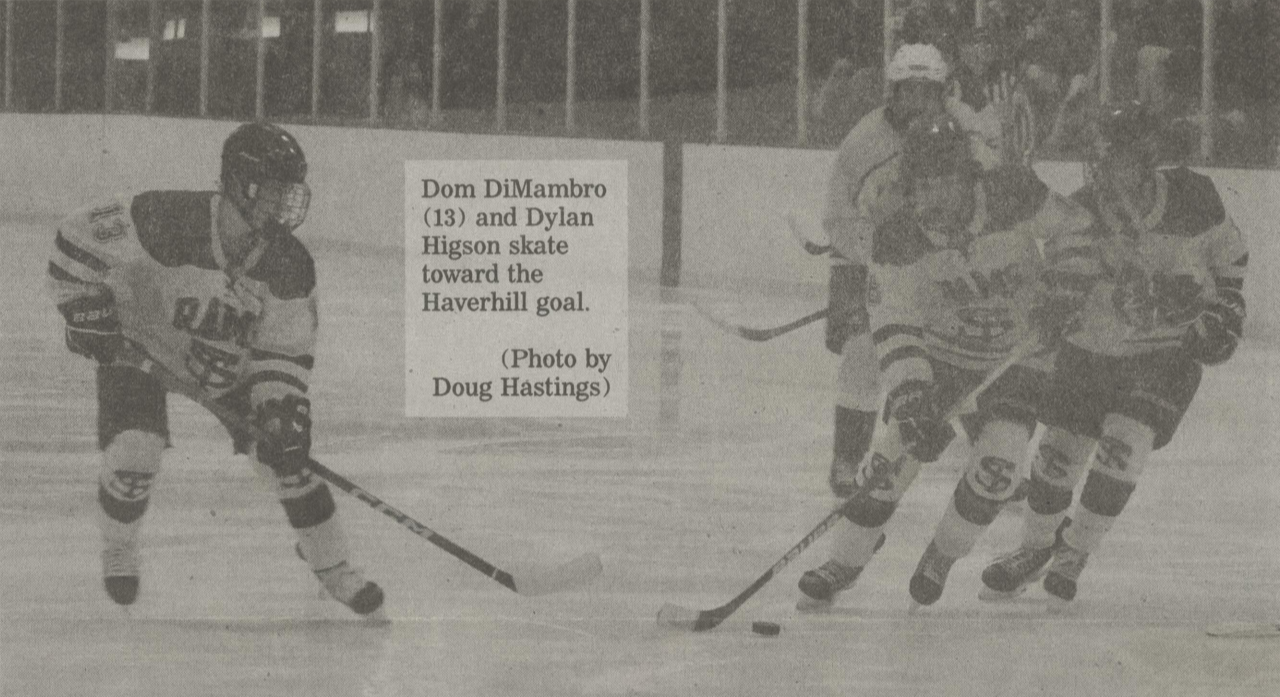
Elianna Munroe won both games in net for the Rams.

Shawsheen next plays on Sunday at Merrimack College in North Andover at 3:30 p.m. against Masconomet Regional.

WRESTLERS ARE CHAMPS IN MAINE

The Shawsheen Tech wrestling team won the 54th Annual Sanford Maine Invitational last weekend.

The Rams piled up 240 points, 65 better than the



Dom DiMambro (13) and Dylan Higson skate toward the Haverhill goal.

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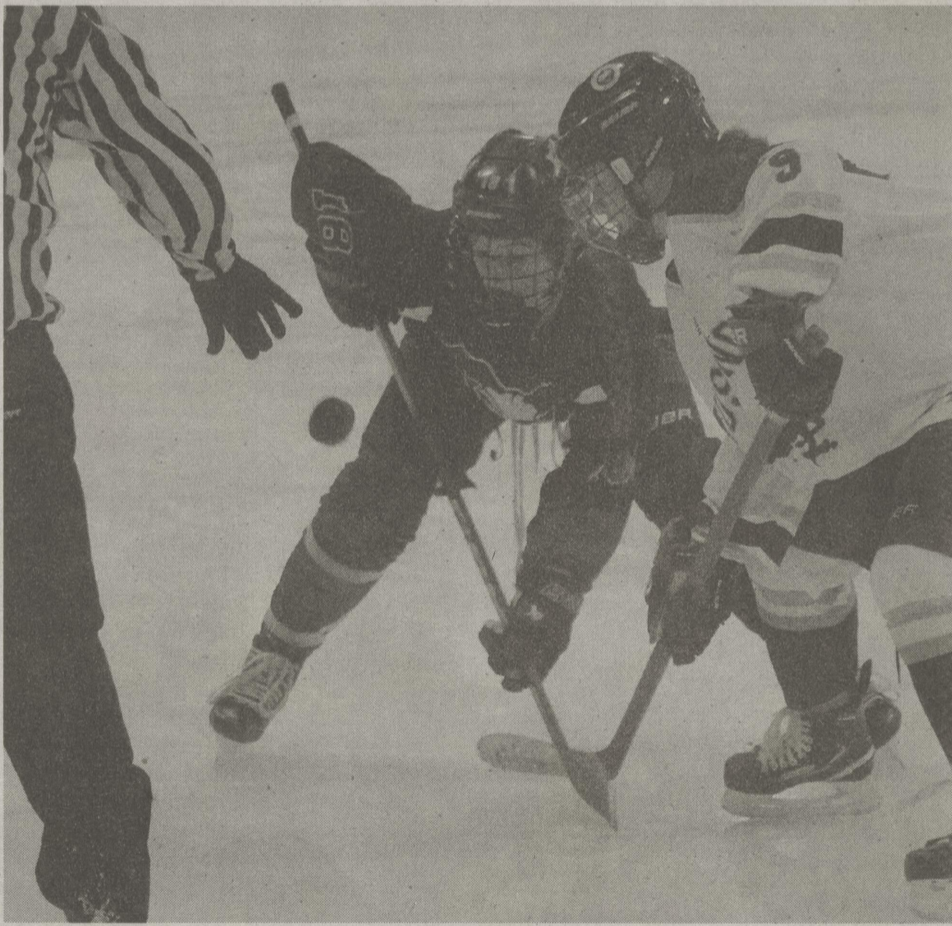
Hatters of Danbury, Conn. who coming in had won this event three years in a row.

Freshman Aiden Pimentel won his first title as a Ram going 3-0 on the weekend at 126 pounds.

The Tildsley brothers keep rolling along with back-to-back titles at 138 and 144 pounds with a combined 8-0 record.

Sid Tildsley, a junior, was voted Outstanding Wrestler of the tourney while James Tildsley, a sophomore, won the prize for "most pins in the least amount of time."

Shawsheen had three third-place finishers including Jayden Perez at 106 pounds, Caleb Caceres at 132 and Jake Metcalf at 175.



▲ Violet Lorusso takes a face-off against the Mustangs.

◀ Olivia O'Brien and the Rams beat Medford on Saturday, 2-1.

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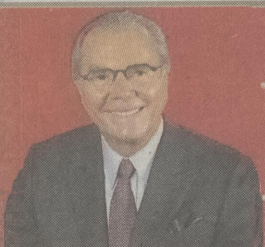
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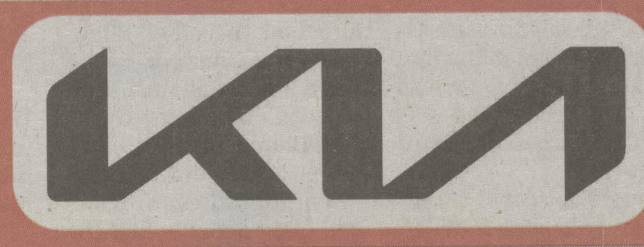


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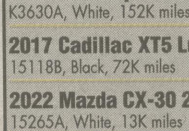
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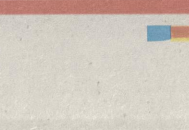
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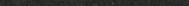
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